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TRAGIC DEATH OF NAVAL OFFICER.

FALL INTO HARBOUR AT MURRAY PIER.

LIEUT.-COMDR. LITTLETON OF TITANIA.

EARLY MORN TRAGEDY

Considerable gloom has been cast over naval circles in Hongkong by the death by drowning, in the early hours of this morning, of Paymaster Lieut. Commander Hugh Littleton, R.N. of H.M.S. *Titania*.

An extremely popular officer, he lost his life in particularly tragic circumstances, having apparently left a party of friends only a few minutes before the tragedy with the intention of returning to his ship, which arrived from the North yesterday afternoon. The deceased officer appears to have made his way to Murray Pier with a view to taking a sampan, and to have fallen into the water while endeavouring to hail some nearby craft.

Seen by Sergeant.

According to the evidence of a European police officer, Lance Sergeant Brand, who was on duty on the Praya, the tragedy occurred at about one o'clock this morning. The sergeant saw a European standing on Murray Pier apparently waiting for a boat to come alongside. He had no need to pay any great attention, but a few seconds later he heard a splash, and looking again, observed that the man (since identified as Lieut. Commander Littleton) had disappeared.

Nothing more was seen of the unfortunate victim, though the waters were anxiously searched.

Body Recovered.

Later.

The Naval authorities, with the co-operation of the Water Police, were engaged for two or three hours this morning in dragging operations in the vicinity of Murray Pier, the body being recovered a little before noon.

Lieut. Commander Littleton had been reported missing from his ship, though he had obtained certain leave which did not make it absolutely necessary for him to return to the *Titania* last night.

Arrived Yesterday.

H.M.S. *Titania*, which is the submarine parent-ship, only arrived in Hongkong yesterday afternoon from Weihsien, where she had been stationed for the summer. Most of the officers who could obtain leave were ashore during the evening, and it is understood that Lieut. Commander Littleton was accompanied by some of his colleagues until some few minutes before the tragedy occurred.

Lieut. Commander Littleton had been on the China Station for more than two years, being appointed to H.M.S. *Titania* in March, 1927. He attained the rank of Paymaster-Lieut. Commander in May, 1928.

War Service.

He served throughout the Great War on board H.M.S. *Marlborough*, afterwards going to the East Indies Station.

From 1919 to 1920, he was attached to the Mediterranean Fleet, aboard H.M.S. *Hussar*. Later, he was transferred to H.M.S. *Malaya*.

In 1925, he went to Devonport to take up duties on the training ship "Impregnable," and remained until appointed to H.M.S. *Titania* in 1927.

The deceased officer was 39 years of age. An all-round athlete, it is notable that he was an excellent swimmer. He was unmarried.

We understand that the body has been identified and sent to the public mortuary. No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral.

MR. SHEARER AT IT AGAIN.

ALLEGED BRITISH "SECRET" DOCUMENT.

EUROPE V. AMERICA.

New York, Sept. 26. The promise of the production of a British "secret" document, which Mr. William Shearer alleges he secured at Geneva, has reawakened interest in the Senate's inquiry into the activities of Shearer at the Naval Disarmament Conference at Geneva in 1927.

The affair has created a profound sensation as it is alleged by Shearer that he was in the pay of prominent American ship-builders with the object of grubbing as far as possible, the disarmament proposals.

It is understood that the new development in the case will be forthcoming on Monday when Mr. Shearer enters the witness box for the first time.

It is further understood that the alleged "secret" document is a letter written by a Member of the British Government to Mr. Lloyd George in June, 1928 (after the Disarmament Conference) suggesting a coalition of the United States of Europe against the United States of America.—*Reuter's American Service*.

FRENCH OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

ARCHIE COMPSTON BEATEN BY A STROKE.

Paris, Sept. 26. Aubrey Boomer defeated Archie Compston by one stroke in the play-off for the French Open Golf Championship at St. Cloud to-day, returning a card of 141 as against Compston's 142.

Brilliant play was exhibited by both players. At the end of the morning round, they were level, both going round in 71.

In the afternoon, play fluctuated very little. Boomer did 70, and Compston took one stroke more.

PREMIER & GENERAL DAWES.

FINAL CONVERSATION HELD YESTERDAY.

London, Sept. 26.

General Dawes, the American Ambassador, called upon the Premier at Downing Street to-day and remained with him for considerably over an hour.

The Premier leaves for America to-morrow, and it is understood that he and the Ambassador had their final conversation regarding his mission.—*British Wireless*.

USE OF WIRELESS IN MEDICINE.

SECOND OPINION OBTAINED OVER 5,000 MILES.

Berlin, Sept. 26.

A photograph of a diseased eye sent by the wireless photo system to Buenos Aires from Berlin, enabled a famous eye specialist at Buenos Aires to inform a colleague in Berlin that the disease was incurable and that the patient must die.

The specialists discussed the case by radio-telephone.—*Reuter*.

THE ANGLO-RUSSIAN PARLEY.

TWO HOURS' CONVERSATION YESTERDAY.

London, Sept. 26.

M. Dovgalevsky, the Soviet Envoy, met Mr. Arthur Henderson, British Foreign Secretary, at the Foreign Office again this morning and a further conversation of two hours' duration took place this afternoon.

No statement was issued.

LATEST MUI-TSAI PROSECUTION.

WOMAN CHARGED ON TWO COUNTS.

STORY OF GIRL WHO SOUGHT TO END HER LIFE.

RESENTED REPROACH.

Because she had been reproached by her mistress, Chau Ching-ku, aged 12 years, said to be a *maiden*, told Mr. A.W.G.H. Grantham, at the Central Police Station this morning, that she became considerably upset and threw herself into the harbour.

This statement was made in the course of proceedings against Mrs. Fung Kwan-tai, the wife of a butcher at Salvington Market, who is charged with taking a *maiden* into employment and with ill-treating her, contrary to Sections 4 and 6 respectively of the Mui-Tsai Ordinance.

For the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs, Mr. H.R. Butters said his case was that the girl was a *maiden* employed by the defendant for domestic service and that the fact that she attempted suicide raised the presumption that she had been ill-treated.

Mental Distress

Dr. T.W. Ware, of the Government Civil Hospital, reporting the results of an examination which he made of the girl on September 19, after her rescue from the harbour, deposed that he found her very much agitated and mentally distressed. She broke into outbursts of weeping and at times was unable to answer questions. She was given food but would not take it, and at length was ordered to bed.

According to reports from the nursing staff, the girl slept very little that night, and when examined by witness again in the morning, her mental condition appeared to be a little worse. Her physical condition was generally good.

Replying to Mr. Butters, witness would not say the girl was "a mental subject."

Asked to account for the girl's distress, witness further said that he was given to understand that she had been taken from the harbour. The shock of the immersion might have caused her mental condition, but she should have recovered entirely from it after the night's rest.

Girl's Two Versions

The girl gave two explanations to witness of how she came to be in the water. She first told him that she had been given two hours of duty and spent it in watching people fishing from the sea-wall. She then slipped and accidentally fell into the water. The following morning, she gave another explanation, saying that a neighbour (not her mistress) had been bickering her for the past two months on a matter connected with the water shortage, to the degree that she could endure it no longer and so she resolved to end all arguments by taking her life.

The girl was so distressed as she made this statement, that he had asked her to stop.

"So Tired."

Replying to his Worship, Dr. Ware stated that the girl said she attempted to take her life because she was "so tired." He was of the definite opinion that the girl should get away from her old surroundings after this. There must always be a reason for a girl of her age wanting to commit suicide, but if she had been scolded very severely or given a good shaking, he did not think that would be a sufficient reason.

Constable Mahomed Ali Khan said that while on duty on the waterfront, on the evening of September 19, his attention was drawn to what appeared to be the unconscious form of a girl floating in the water near the seawall, opposite French Street. He drew it in, with a piece of rope taken from a sampan. Subsequently, the girl was taken to the Police Station.

Document Found.

Sub-Inspector Post, attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, deposed to certain investigations which he commenced (Continued on Page 14.)

London's Oldest STIPENDIARY.

MR. MEAD RETIRING AFTER FORTY YEARS.

REMARKABLE CAREER.

London, Sept. 26. A notable figure of London life is passing into retirement in the person of Mr. Frederick Mead, the famous Magistrate of Marlborough Street Police Court.

Mr. Mead has intimated to the Home Office his intention of vacating his magistracy this week, and to-morrow he will sit at the Court for the last time.

He is eighty-two years of age and the oldest occupant of any chair of Justice in the country.

Mr. Mead was called to the Bar sixty years ago, and forty years have passed since he became the Magistrate at Marlborough Street Court. In that long period, thousands of offenders of every type and every nationality have come before him for judgment.

The Marlborough Street Police Court has to deal with crime in a part of the West End of London which has a notably cosmopolitan population.

Mr. Mead has always been distinguished for his remarkable physical and mental alertness in dealing with the difficult cases which arise among this kind of population, and although, in the course of his long tenure of office many of his judgments have been criticized on the ground of their severity, he will always be remembered as one of London's most able magistrates.—*British Wireless*.

DRUG HIDDEN IN HOLLOWED ROOTS & FIREWOOD.

COMPRADORE'S CASE.

Ingenious methods of concealing contraband opium from the notice of Revenue Officers were described to Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistracy this morning, when several Chinese were charged with the possession of various quantities of the drug.

In one case, in which Chief Preventive Officer Clark prosecuted, a Chinese walking along Connaught Road Central with three yams of taro root in his possession was stopped and searched by Revenue Officers. On examination, the taro roots were found to have been scooped out and 40 taels of opium were found in the cavities thus made.

A fine of \$4,800, or 12 months' hard labour, was imposed.

Hidden in Firewood.

Acting on information received, Revenue Officers stopped a coolie carrying two slings of firewood in Connaught Road Central yesterday, and, on being questioned, the coolie pointed out a Chinese following him as being the owner of the firewood.

Both were taken to the Revenue Office where they were examined by C. P. O. Clark.

Chin Pak, the man pointed out by the coolie, in the course of the examination by C. P. O. Clark, pulled out three pieces of firewood, each of which had been cut into two and sealed again after a quantity of opium had been placed in hollows made in the firewood. The total quantity of opium thus concealed was 18 taels.

The owner of the opium was fined \$2,000, or 12 months.

Serious Case.

What the authorities regard as a serious case was one in which a small girl was used as a carrier of two taels of non-Government prepared opium.

The girl was arrested in Connaught Road Central with the contraband in her pocket. She pointed out a woman, who, in turn, directed attention to a man, who was discovered to be the compradore of the Wuchow steamer *An*.

The defendant admitted that the hand brake was not in good working order, but said the foot brake was in good condition.

According to Sergeant Scrim, the defendant knocked down a girl in Canton Road yesterday, and, in pulling up his lorry, left a skid mark of 42 feet on the roadway.

The vehicle was subsequently tested and it was found that the hand brake would not act, while the boards at the bottom of the lorry were loose and made it difficult to get at the foot brake which, however, was in good condition.

In reply to his Worship, Sergeant Scrim said the girl was not seriously injured.

DRIVER FINED \$40.

A fine of \$40 was imposed by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on the driver of a motor lorry who was charged with driving his vehicle when not in such good order and condition as required by the Captain Superintendent of Police.

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BRITISH BANK RATE INCREASE.

London, Sept. 26. On the whole, the city of London has welcomed the rise in the bank rate. It has definitely cleared up the uncertainty of the past few weeks, which has had more cogent effect on stock markets than clear money is likely to have.

There was a general marking down of prices on the Stock Exchange after the rise was announced, but there was no pronounced selling.

The pound sterling as expressed in American dollars has risen and both French and German exchanges have moved sharply in favour of London.—*British Wireless*.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest over South Manchuria, and relatively low in the Pacific to the east of Luzon.

The depression is crossing Japan to the north of Tokyo. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—East winds, moderate; fair.

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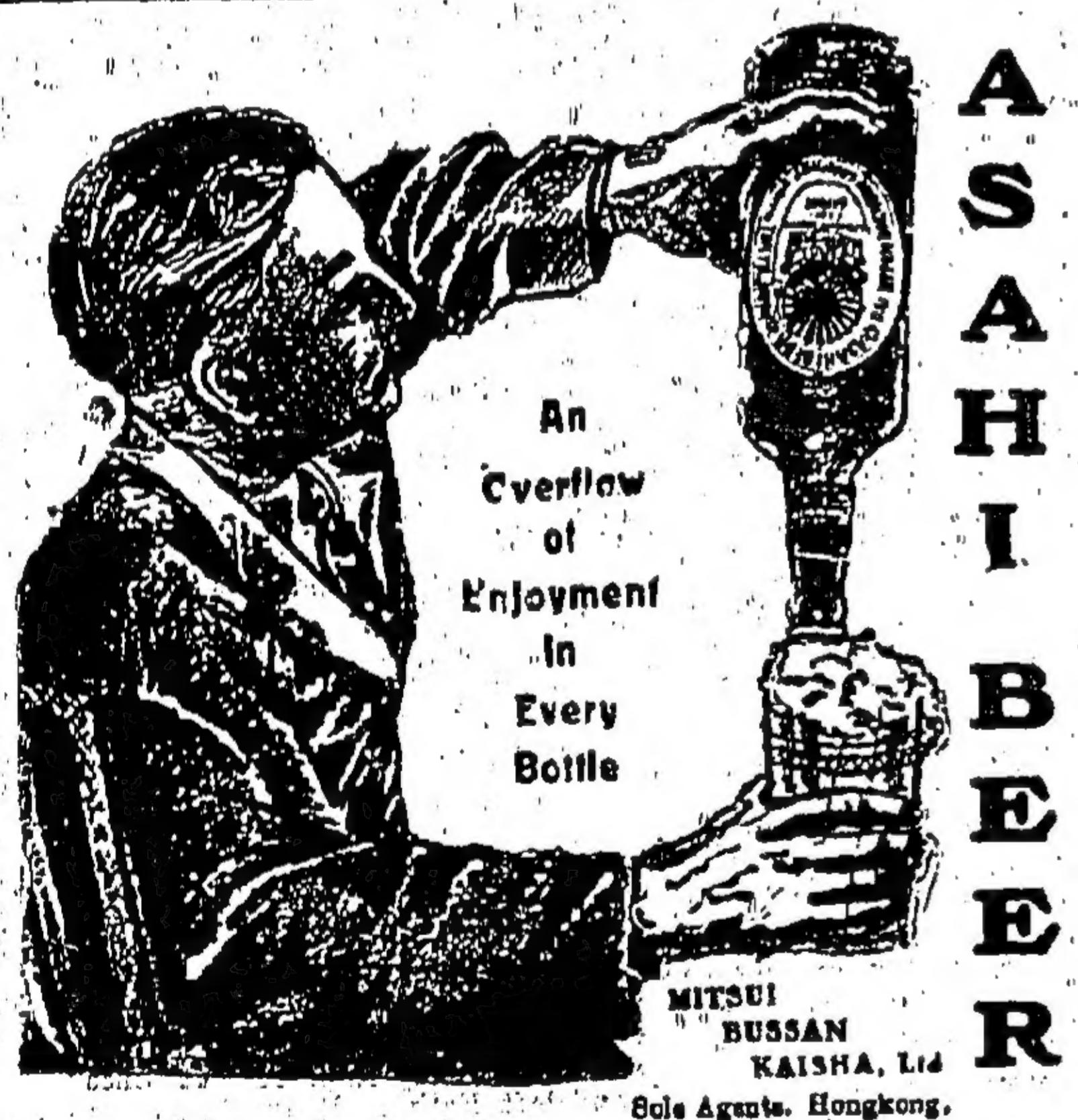
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WHAT CONSTITUTES
RAGS?MAGISTRATE ADHERES TO
FORMER DECISION.

The singlet clippings straight from the factory did not constitute rags within the meaning of the Public Health Ordinance was the finding of Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, his Worship adhering to a previous decision given in a case which came before him some months ago.

The case concerned the discovery of material which had come straight from the factory but which was being stored on premises that were not licensed for an offensive trade. The occupier was accordingly summoned before his Worship but was discharged on the prosecution failing to satisfy the Court that the material constituted "rags."

Mr. L. R. Andrewes appeared for the Crown and Mr. J. M. Remedios represented the defendant.

His Worship said that with regard to the question of the definition of rags he had been misinformed in the Press. His definition of rags in the last case was something torn or worn and not something torn and worn.

In the last case evidence had been given by Dr. Fawcett, and his evidence was very much to the effect that cloth picking was injurious to the health of workmen because of the dust that got into the atmosphere and into the lungs, but it would be more injurious if the cloth were dirty.

As far as his Worship could make out his evidence was more to the effect that cloth picking was injurious to the health. In spite of that, his Worship had to go by the terms of the Ordinance because he held that the Ordinance did not say anything about cloth picking.

If taken from the point of view of rag storing, continued his Worship, he thought that the case for the defence was even stronger. He pointed out that the storing of chippings from factories was no more objectionable than the storing of new singlets.

His Worship intimated that the prosecution would have to show that what constituted rags in the Home law also constituted rags according to the local law.

Crown's Case.

Mr. Andrewes prefaced his arguments by drawing his Worship's attention to the Public Health Ordinance, mentioning certain bye-laws which he said were also relevant. They were relevant to show that the Legislature was particularly anxious that anybody who carried on the offensive trade of rag picking should conduct their business properly and take out a license so that the premises came within the supervision of the authorities.

In substantiation of his contention that the material found on the defendant's premises constituted rags within the meaning of the Ordinance, Mr. Andrewes quoted the case of Cooper v. Swift, in which it was held that the word "rags" under the Rag Flock Act was not limited to rags which had become polluted or had come in contact with animal or human life.

The similarity of the Home Act and the local Ordinance was that neither defined what constituted rags and it was necessary to look for a judicial ruling.

His Worship remarked that the case mentioned referred to flock manufactured from rags.

Mr. Andrewes argued that flock could not be manufactured from rags unless a person had rags in his possession.

Continuing, Mr. Andrewes said that they could not limit the meaning of rags to something worn or torn. The definition had a broader meaning than that.

Standard of Cleanliness.

Referring to the authority quoted Mr. Andrewes said that the object of the Act was really to prevent the sale or storage of rag flock unless it complied with a certain standard of cleanliness, and it had been argued in that case, and in a case which would be quoted, that the flock, although it did not com-

ply with the standard of cleanliness, was not manufactured from rags and the definition of the word "rag" then became of all importance in each of the cases.

His Worship pointed out that the Judge found that the flock was made from rags "without attempting to define what are rags."

Mr. Andrewes submitted that what the Judge meant by that was that he was not going to give an exhaustive list of what were or were not rags. In the second case quoted it was held that clippings from new and uncontaminated materials constituted rags.

Answering a remark from the Bench, Mr. Andrewes contended that it did not matter whether the material passed the mark of cleanliness or not. It had to be rags before a conviction could be obtained.

The Home Act.

His Worship: According to the Home Act if it had been a rag and passed the test of cleanliness it would have been all right?

Mr. Andrewes: Yes.

His Worship: Well that makes all the difference.

Mr. Andrewes replied that the state of cleanliness of the rag was quite immaterial. The question was what were rags? It was not limited to something torn from a garment which had come in contact with the body.

His Worship replied that what the Crown wanted was to have the Ordinance amended. That was what had struck his Worship very much with Dr. Fawcett's evidence. Cloth picking was injurious to health and therefore what Dr. Fawcett would like to see was that cloth picking should be made an offensive trade. It was really the picking that he objected to.

Mr. Andrewes said that there could be perfectly clean rags, but the Ordinance said that whether they were clean or dirty it was offensive.

Mr. Andrewes pointed out that clear rags could soon become dirty, although he was not alleging that the rags were dirty in the present case.

His Worship remarked that in the cases quoted the prosecution was in a much stronger position than Mr. Andrewes was, because in each of those cases the material did not pass the test of cleanliness.

The Local Law.

Mr. Andrewes agreed with his Worship that there would have been no prosecution in the cases quoted if the material had passed the tests of cleanliness. According to the Home Act, in order to be offensive the material had to be dirty as well as rags, but in order to be offensive in Hongkong the material need only be rags.

Before sitting down Mr. Andrewes mentioned that all he was asking for was a conviction because it was considered that the Ordinance did not require amending.

Mr. Remedios based his arguments on the standard of cleanliness and pointed out that the cases quoted referred to flock. He submitted that they, therefore, did not apply to the case before his Worship.

The Decision.

In giving his decision his Worship said:

"I hold that what was decided in the case of Cooper v. Swift and Balmford v. Cadbourn was that if the flock did not pass the standard of cleanliness it would be no defence to say that the flock had not manufactured from rags that had become polluted through human contact.

The defence in these cases argued that rags are things which have been so polluted.

I have not held that a rag must be a thing polluted by human contact. If in the two cases referred to it had been proved that the material from which the flock was made was clean I think the decision of the learned judges would have been different, but there was in both cases the *prima facie* and admitted evidence that the flock had not passed the test of cleanliness. There was therefore a presumption that the material from which the flock was made had been dirty.

The learned judges in these cases did not, I think, really define rags, not at least to the extent of giving a definition that would apply to any

legislation except the Rag Flock Act 1911.

In this case the prosecution seem to want me to say that cloth picking is an offensive trade and this I have no authority for doing. I must accordingly dismiss the summons.

MUI-TSAI CASE.

HON. DR. S. W. TS'O GIVES
EXPERT OPINION.

The views of the Hon. Dr. S. W. Ts'o as an expert on the *mui-tsa* question, were sought in the case which has been before Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg for some time, concerning the status of a 7-year-old girl who was found living with a family in Elgin Street. In a notable production running into 16 typewritten pages, Dr. Ts'o expounded his conception of the conditions of a *mui-tsa* in China, and answered 22 specific questions which were put to him. Certain portions relevant to the points at issue were quoted in the decision of the Court given yesterday afternoon.

The defendants in the case were:

Mrs. Li Wong-shi, of No. 20, Hollywood Road, who was charged (a) with taking a *mui-tsa* into her employment; (b) with taking a girl of 7 as a female domestic servant; and (c) with transferring the *mui-tsa* to—

Mrs. Wong Yung-shi, of 49, Elgin Street, who was charged with taking the *mui-tsa* into her employment; while—

Wong Yin-kai, her son, was charged with common assault and ill-treatment of the girl.

Mr. A. E. Hall appeared for the first defendant, while Mrs. Wong and her son were represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo.

Continuing testimony interrupted by the last adjournment, Mrs. Li Wong-shi said that when she arranged for the girl to stay with Mrs. Wong Yung-shi, who was a distant cousin of hers, the position was clearly understood between the two women that the girl was to remain her (Li's) adopted daughter. It was not a fact that the girl was being transferred.

Interposing, Mr. Hin-shing Lo said that the position was also to be clearly understood from the relationship between the two women and the anxiety of the one to extend her hospitality to the other.

Mr. Hazlerigg replied that on the point of transfer of the girl he was finding in favour of Mr. Lo's client.

So far as Mrs. Wong Yung-shi was concerned, she had no case to answer, and the charge of taking the *mui-tsa* into her employment would be dismissed.

A Plea of Guilty.

With regard to the charge of assault against her son, Mr. Lo entered a plea of guilty and, in extenuation of the offence, pointed to the precocity of the girl, who had been caught committing thefts. With the care of the whole household on his shoulders, the young man found it incumbent on him to chastise the girl after she had been discovered committing one of these offences. Mr. Lo urged that the punishment was not unduly severe and was justified by the circumstances.

Mr. Hazlerigg replied he saw no justification for the extent to which the assault was carried, and which he considered was very serious in view of the girl's position. But as the young man had pleaded guilty and thrown himself upon the mercy of the Court, he would take it into consideration.

A fine of \$60 was imposed on the charge of assault.

Dealing with the remaining defendant, Mrs. Li Wong-shi, the Magistrate said he had carefully considered the evidence and the position appeared to him to be quite clear. It was established, in the first place, that a sum of money (\$95 or \$100, the amount being in dispute) was paid by Mrs. Li Wong-shi to the girl's parent; that upon the transfer of the girl, Mrs. Li Wong-shi received a document, which Dr. S. W. Ts'o informed the Court, was in the form used as a deed on the presentation of a *mui-tsa*. The character appearing on the document to describe such transfer was used for the word "presentation" and Dr. Ts'o said

before proceeding to pass any sentence on the first charge, his

opinion that the adoption of the same surname was not uncommon to *mu-tsa*.

All the contentions of the defence that the relationship of the girl to Mrs. Li Wong-shi was other

CRISIS IN AUSTRIA.

HERR SCHOBER ACCEPTS THE
CHANCELLORSHIP.

Vienna, Sept. 26. The Chancellor, Dr. Streeruwitz, his resignation was unexpected. One of the chief reasons was his recognition that the Government was unable to muster sufficient Parliamentary support to proceed with the disarmament of the two opposing parties, the Fascists and Socialists, whose frequent armed mass demonstrations have aroused the fear of a revolutionary upheaval.

His resignation followed a conference with Parliament leaders of the majority parties, at which Dr. Streeruwitz himself suggested that Herr Schober be his successor. General satisfaction and confidence are felt at the latter's prompt acceptance, in view of four great Fascist marches outside Vienna arranged for September 29, while seven hundred Socialist meetings have been arranged between the Fascist centre and the capital.

that that character at once distinguished the relationship between a mistress and a *mu-tsa*.

No Intention to Adopt.

The two women defendants put the girl to certain light household work, which admittedly did not amount to menial work in the advanced sense in which that word was used nowadays, but his Worship did not believe that in the full sense of the word "adoption" Mrs. Li Wong-shi had any intention to adopt the child. She had said that she always treated and regarded the child as her own daughter, notwithstanding the fact that she was staying with Mrs. Wong Yung-shi, which, again, according to Dr. Ts'o, was entirely consistent with the position of a *mu-tsa*.

It was argued that the girl had adopted the name of her mistress, but there again, they had Dr. Ts'o's opinion that the adoption of the same surname was not uncommon to *mu-tsa*.

All the contentions of the defence that the relationship of the girl to Mrs. Li Wong-shi was other

than *mu-tsa*, said his Worship, must fall to the ground. The evidence of her being a *mu-tsa* was convincing.

Mrs. Li Wong-shi must, therefore, be convicted of taking a *mu-tsa* into her employment on November 4, 1924.

His Worship dismissed the other charges.

Much Criticism Unmerited.

"Before proceeding to pass any sentence on the first charge," his

opinion said, "I propose to consider the position of the child in this case. I have read through the evidence very carefully and I must find as a fact that Mrs. Li Wong-shi treated this *mu-tsa* in a kind manner. She was well-housed, well-fed and well-treated as a member of the family and in accordance with the Chinese tradition that a *mu-tsa* should be treated as a member of the family."

His Worship went on to say that the *mu-tsa* system was one which had come in for much criticism. If they were to accept Dr. Ts'o's opinion, it seemed to him (the Magistrate) that much of the criticism was unmerited.

His Worship inflicted a fine of \$25, pointing out that this was a small penalty, much smaller than he had imposed in the last *mu-tsa* case brought before him.

Concerning the disposal of the child, Mr. Hall said Mr. H. R. Butters, who prosecuted on behalf of the S.C.A., could have her if he wanted.

Mr. Butters: I am exceedingly grateful in my official capacity.

Before the close of the case, Mr. Butters expressed his thanks and gratitude to Dr. Ts'o for the assistance which they had received from him.

His Worship associated himself with Mr. Butters' remarks and suggested that the Press might conveniently convey this expression of their indebtedness to Dr. Ts'o.

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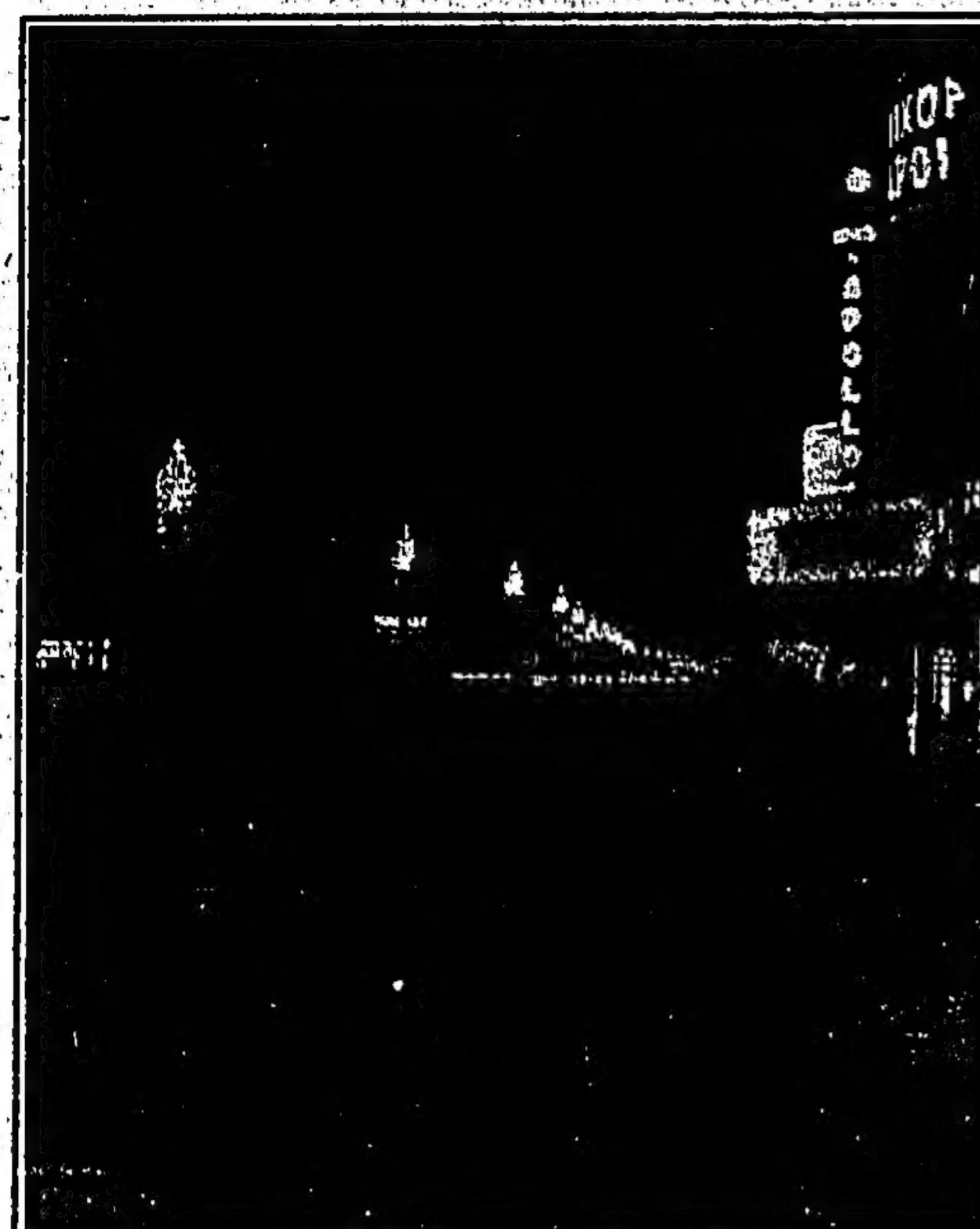
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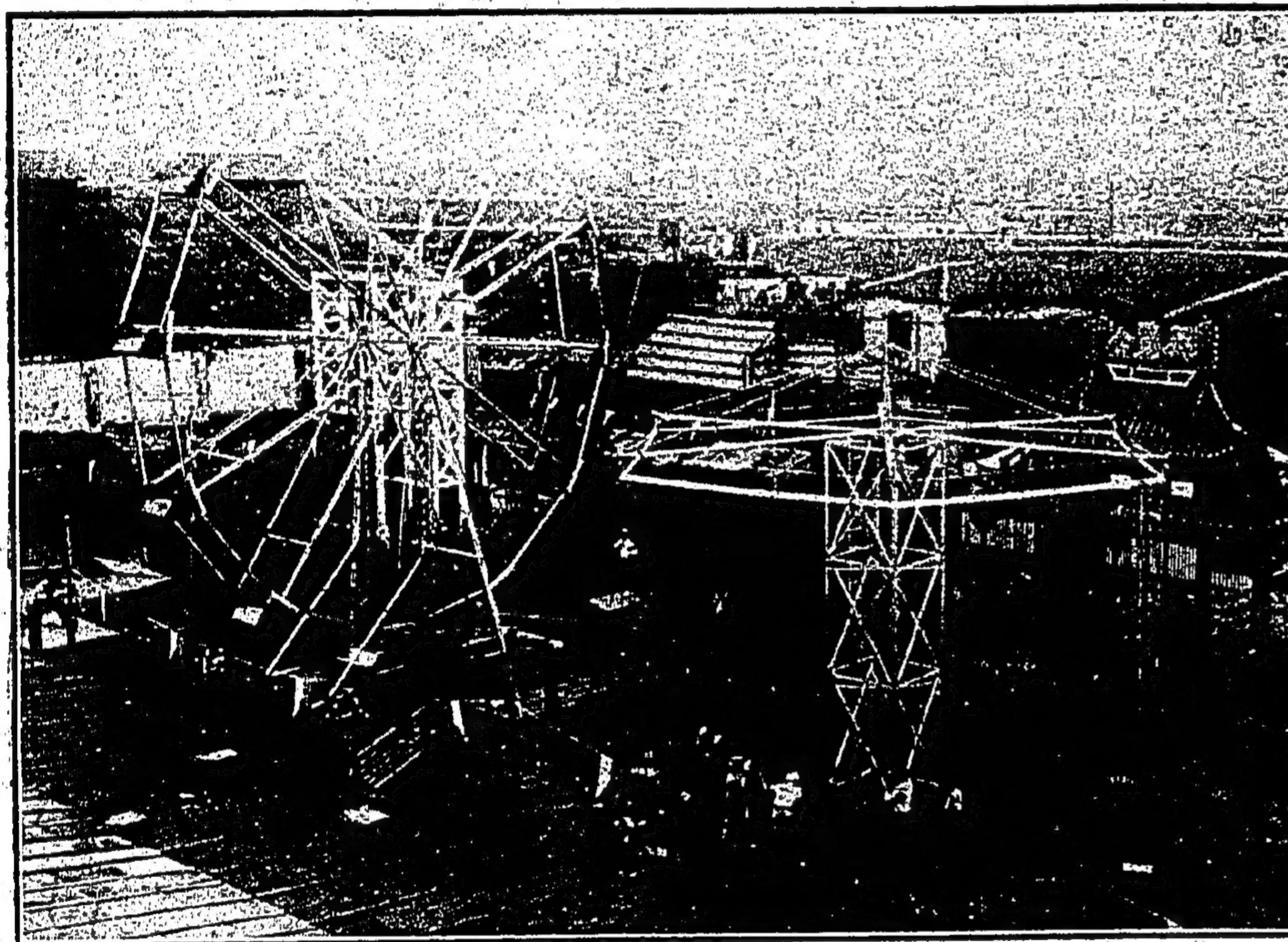
Tramp, Tramp, Tramp!



The famous boardwalk of Atlantic City, New Jersey, as it appeared on the occasion of Light's Golden Jubilee.



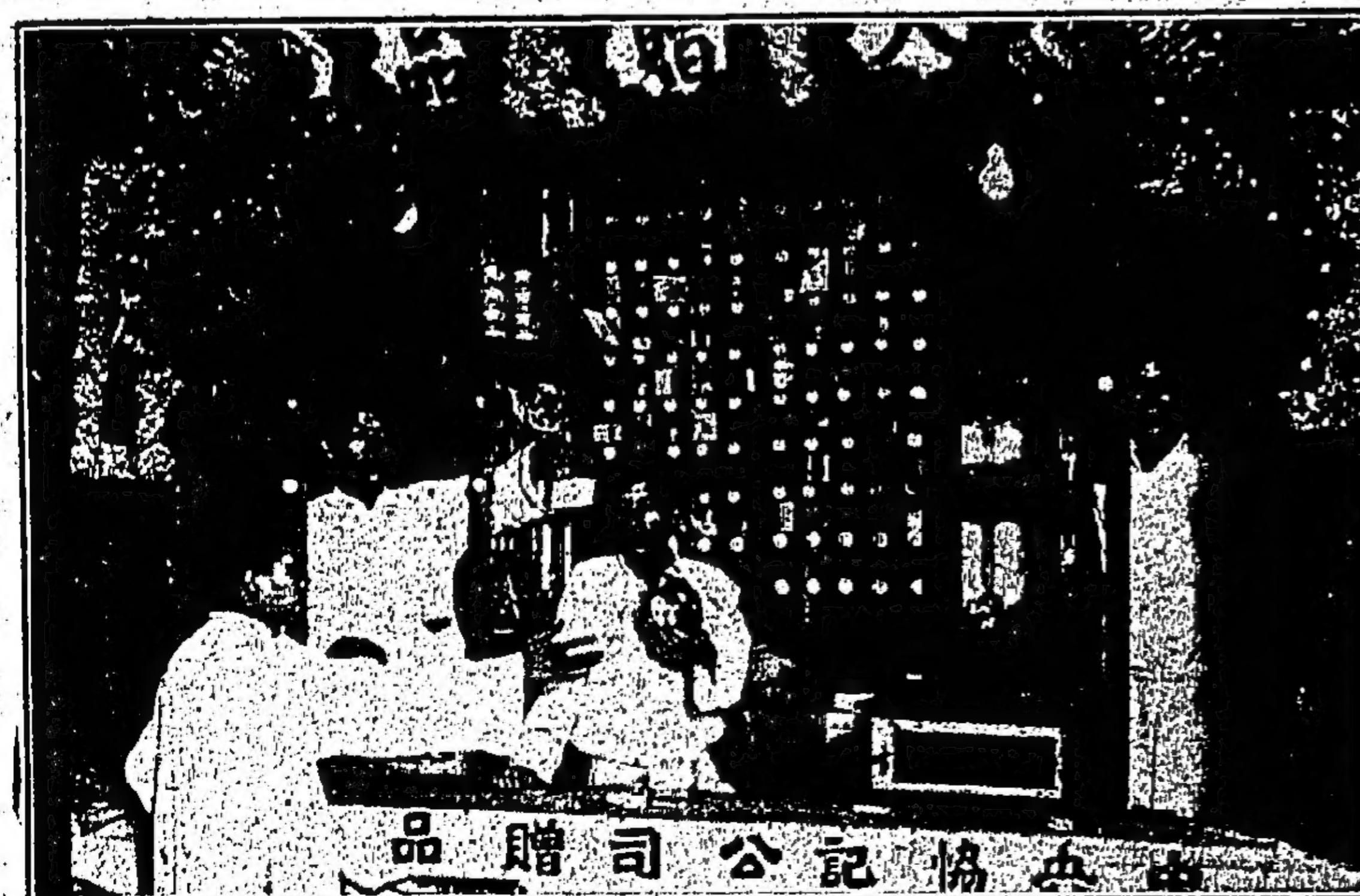
Photo taken in Shanghai on the Race Course recently when a special parade of the Fourth Regiment, United States Marines was held in honour of Lieut. Col. Frederick D. Gilgore. The photograph, given by courtesy of the U. S. Marine Corp., shows, left to right, Major A. B. Drum, Lieut. Col. F. D. Gilgore and Colonel C. H. Lyman reviewing the Regiment.



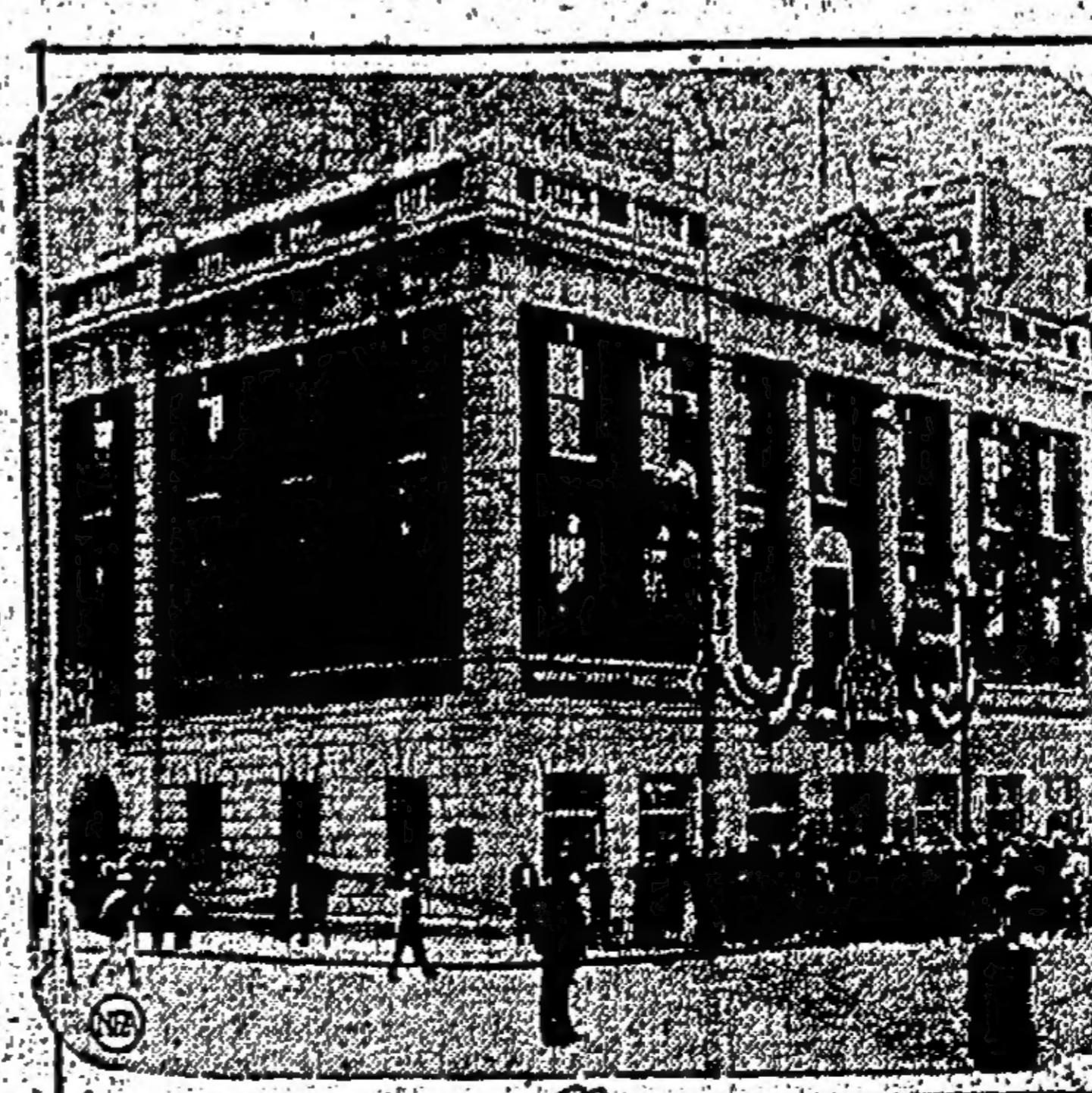
A general view of Shanghai's edition of Coney Island which has been opened on the roof garden of the New World on the corner of Nanking and Thiat Roads. The shows includes a merry-go-round, a merry mix-up, a whip, and Ferris wheel, a motordrome, a fat girl show, a flea circus, a high diving act, and sword swallowers among a host of attractions.



Above is shown Mr. E. K. Fernandes, "the Barnum of Hawaii" who has converted the New World in Shanghai into a great amusement park. The stunt is being run in connexion with a Charity Exposition in aid of the Chinese Mission to Lepers.



The Shanghai edition of Coney Island is proving a magnet to crowds, with its assorted attractions. Above is shown a "Take-a-Chance" competition, numbers of which are being widely advertised.



The new hall recently constructed by the political "bosses" of New York. This is Tammany Hall.

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Photo taken at the Race Course at the farewell to Lieut. Col. Gilgore, shows the colour bearers passing the reviewing officers.



Above are seen Princess Ileana of Rumania and Prince Gottfried Herman Alfred Paul Maximilian Vicke of Hohenzollern-Langenburg, who are engaged to be married.

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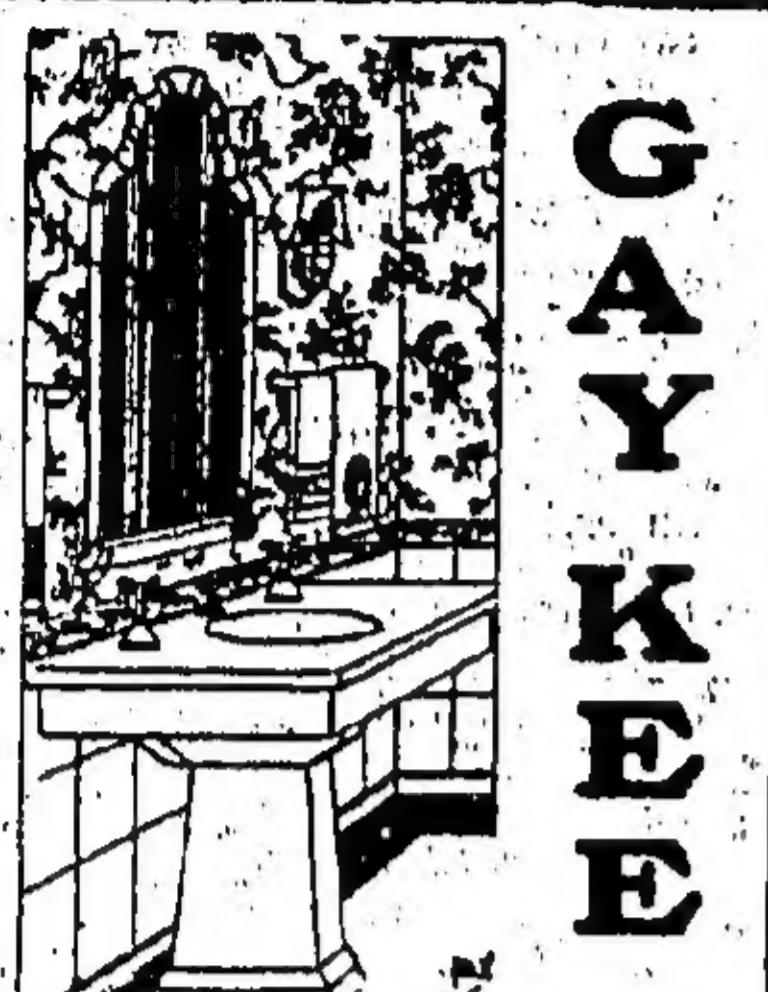
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NOTICE.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 30th day of September, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui po, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

Acres	Survey No.	Land	Boundary Measurements.	Openings.
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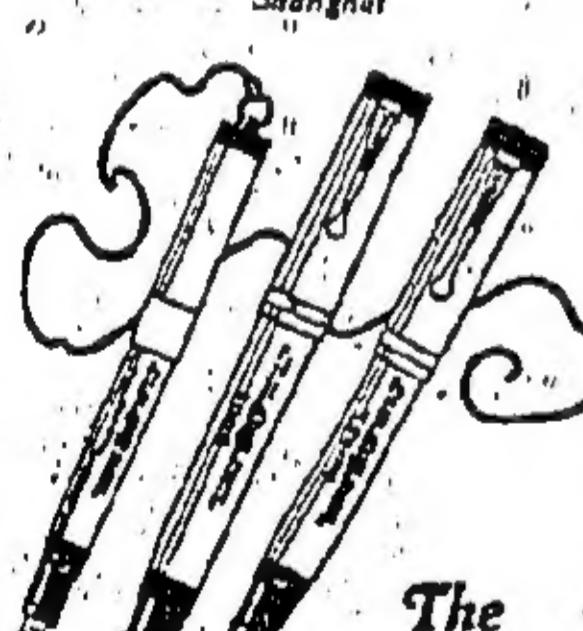
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THE BANK RATE.

BANK OF ENGLAND'S DIS-
COUNT NOW 6 1/2 PER CENT.

London, Sept. 26.
The Bank of England discount
rate is now six and a half per
cent.

The raising of the bank rate is
attributed to the drain of gold
from England, to which the
Bank of England has lost over
£20,000,000 since the beginning of
the year, and as a result its re-
serves have been reduced to a
point which is regarded in some
quarters as too low. It is hoped
the raising of the rate will at
least arrest the drain, if it does
not actually bring back some of
the lost gold.

On the contrary, it is feared
that the rise will result in a general
fall of security prices, and
increase the interest on loans.
Effect on Stock Exchange.

Later.
The rise in the bank rate has
occurred relatively little disturbance in prices on the Stock
Exchange, because it was largely
discounted previously; though
British funds opened weaker, for
example War Loan five per cent
fell three sixteenths.

On the contrary, foreign ex-
change rates mostly moved sharply
in favour of Britain, for
example sterling on New York rising
seven sixteenths per cent, to
4.85 and nine sixteenths.—Reuters.

CHINA SQUADRON.

**SHIPS BEGINNING TO RETURN
FROM NORTH.**

H.M. Ships on the China
station, which have been spending
the summer at Weihaiwei and
other Northern ports, are returning
to Hongkong, their winter
headquarters.

H.M.S. Bruce, the leader of the
8th Destroyer Flotilla arrived
yesterday and is now at the
Dockyard, north arm. H.M.S.
Sterling, another of the units is
also at the north arm. H.M.S.
Serapis and H.M.S. Arapiles are
in the basin. H.M.S. Sepoy, Somme,
Sirdar and Thracian were due
at four o'clock yesterday afternoon.

When the quilt looks quite clean,
empty away the suds and give the
coverlet two rinsings in warm
water, to each adding a little am-
monia. Then put the quilt through
the wringer, taking care not to put
too much strain on the cover, which
may be "tender," and hang it over
the line for the wind to blow
through.

Nothing could less suggest downy
warmth than the eiderdown as it
hangs on the line with the feathers
clotted in wet felty masses inside.
But there is no cause for alarm. As
the down dries it regains its lightness,
and a series of gentle shakes
will gradually send it flying about
inside the cover, till its bulk is once
more evenly distributed.

The eighth unit, H.M.S. Storm-
cloud is out on an exercise cruise.
The submarines of the 4th
Flotilla with H.M.S. Titania (depot
ship) and H.M.S. Marazion (tender)
were also due yesterday
afternoon and include the L3, L15,
L23 and L27. The L19 is already
in the basin.

The cruiser, H.M.S. Berwick is
at the No. 1 buoy, Naval anchor-
age.

Foreign ships in harbour yester-
day were the Chinese Kwang Kurn,
the French Vigilante, and the
U.S.S. Mindanao.

PYTHON ESCAPES.

**THRILLING INCIDENT AT
MANCHESTER ZOO.**

Manchester, Aug. 21.
An extraordinary incident occurred
at Bell's Zoo. Zoological Gardens,
Manchester, to-day, when a giant
python, 28ft. in length, escaped
from its cage. Hundreds of people
were in the grounds at the time,
and they went about their amusements
totally unaware of the fact
that the monster was at large.

The python made its escape
while it was being fed by its keeper.
The man opened the door in the
back on the cage, and just as it
was ajar the snake flashed in front
of his face. Fortunately, the
keeper was short in stature.
Otherwise he would have been un-
able to avoid the blow which the
reptile aimed at his head.

The keeper slipped behind a half-
opened door, and the python passed
him and found its way into a hiding
place. When it was discovered
it resisted successfully for some
considerable time all efforts at re-
capture.

It was feared at first that the
python would have to be killed, but,
fortunately, several men were able,
without any damage to themselves,
to secure it and return it to cap-
tivity.

The python is probably one of the
largest of its kind in the world,
and is believed to be the largest in
captivity. It is worth many
hundreds of pounds.

The evening wrap of the
moment: expressed in saphire-blue chiffon velvet, it is
lined with rich blue and gold
brocade, and finished with a
quilted stand-up collar and
turn-back cuffs of velvet lined
with the brocade.

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... A RAP ON
THE PULLMAN
DOOR BRINGS
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The Home.

**WASHING AN EIDERDOWN
QUILT.**

It is not really difficult to wash a
down quilt at home so long as there
is space out of doors for the drying.
As is the case with most tasks,
there is one method of performance
that is better and easier than others,
and it saves time and trouble in the
long run to find it out and follow it.

If you have decided to wash a
down quilt be sure you look over
it carefully beforehand, in case
there are any tiny holes or seams
undone in the cover which may let
the down escape.

A cool, breezy day makes ideal
drying weather for heavy articles,
so, when a suitable occasion pre-
sents itself put your quilt to soak
in a bath or tub filled with hot
water, to which has been added
soap flakes or jelly and a table-
spoonful of liquid ammonia. Let the
eiderdown lie for about ten minutes
to dissolve the dirt, and then begin
to move it about and squeeze it in
the lather. If the quilt is very rich
soiled, a second, and even third,
lather may, perhaps, be needed.

When the quilt looks quite clean,
empty away the suds and give the
coverlet two rinsings in warm
water, to each adding a little am-
monia. Then put the quilt through
the wringer, taking care not to put
too much strain on the cover, which
may be "tender," and hang it over
the line for the wind to blow
through.

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the down dries it regains its lightness,
and a series of gentle shakes
will gradually send it flying about
inside the cover, till its bulk is once
more evenly distributed.

Smart Autumn Evening Gowns.



There's both youth and sophistication in new black
gowns. (Left) Smartly new is the cut of a black tulle gown
with a princess silhouette and full, long skirt. A black lace
scarf adds an intriguing touch and a diamond and onyx pin
is its only light note. (Right) Four-tiers, posed on a slender
foundation, give an entirely new line to a full-length black
faile taffeta gown with unusual decolletage and shoulder
straps.

Simplicity.

**THE ART OF DRESSING
WELL.**

There are still numbers of
women who, when they want to
dress for a smart occasion, turn
themselves out like a shop window,
imagining they have attained the
acme of elegance. Well, they
haven't! The smarter the occa-
sion, the simpler should be one's
dress to ensure an individual, distin-
guished appearance.

For instance, a frock hung with
godets—and how many there seem
to be this season—should be
avoided like the plague. They are
not practical for day wear, and few
occasions are smart enough for
them. Pleats are the thing, and
dress designers who know their
business stick to them. They keep
their shape for ever—unless one's
foolish enough to indulge in knife-
pleating—in contrast to godets,
which look dowdy in no time.

The more decorative a material,
the plainer should be the design.
Some of our best-dressed young
matrons choose straight, simple pat-
terned crepe frocks which they wear
under a straight, collarless crepe
or light wool coat. Thus attired,
they appear at the smartest func-
tions.

Although there is an impression
that jumper suits are definitely out
at the moment, this isn't so at all.
My choice for chic society event
would be a white crepe de Chine
jumper suit, in the purest and
heaviest quality crepe, accompanied
by a matching cardigan and worn
with a silver-point fox—most es-
sential this—and a black and white

straw hat. A clever model in
bangkok was made with a black and
white checked underbrim and trim-
med with a quaint little bow of
checked straw. Such an outfit is
bound to be enormously successful,
and the season is not too far ad-
vanced still to invest in it!

The Crepe de Chine Suits.

Most of the chic women found
lunching at the Berkeley or the Ritz
appear in simple crepe frocks or
suits, when it's warm enough, or in
neat tailleur, with fur. The
crepe de Chine suit has established
itself with great success, a frock
often taking the place of a jumper
and skirt. With these are worn
small felt hats, usually accompa-
nied with matching handbags. Red, blue
and green are bright, and con-
sequently popular contrasts. Most
society women—as like as peas in
pods—favour this subtly sophisticated
fashion of dressing of a morning,
and there is really nothing
to beat it—not all the complicated
frills and furbelows that have
ever been designed!

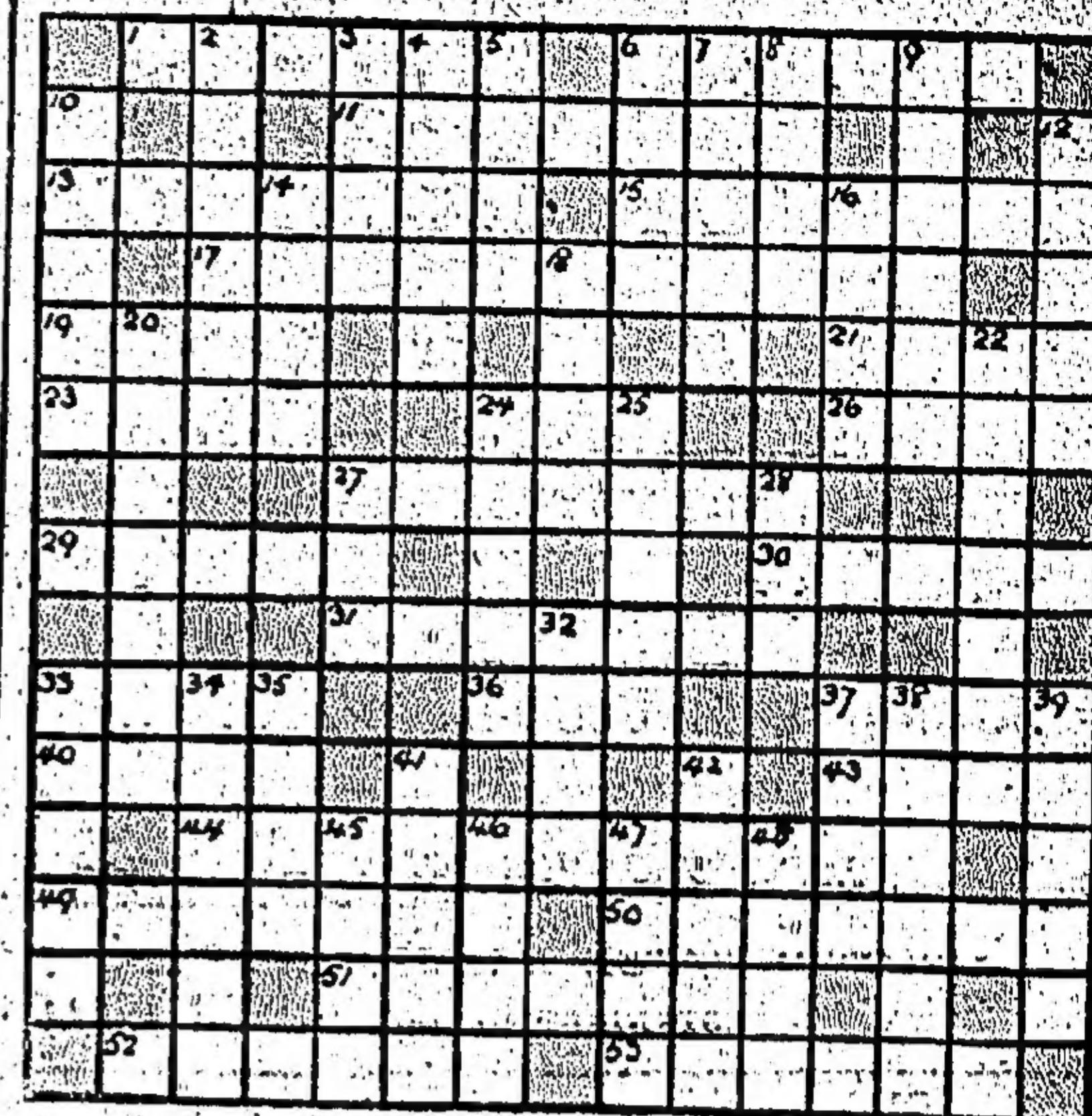
Amber and Scarlet Bands.

Woollen frocks are also favou-
rites—how this vogue for woollen
garments has increased! I saw a
young girl in the new Grosvenor
House restaurant the other day
lunching in a cococaboon woollen
dress. It was made with a cross-
over front, bordered with cream
colour. Round the natural waist-
line she wore a wide cream and
brown interlaced ribbon belt, and
her throat was encircled with a
double choker necklace of amber and
scarlet beads, a matching ornament
of which adorned her small
coral-coloured felt hat.—SHIRLEY
COOKE in *Exchange*.

Van's Scheme Works



OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across.
1 Disquiet.
2 Regretted.
3 Herons.
4 Scottish magistrate.
5 Sitting room.
6 Answer.
7 Earnestness.
8 Equal.
9 Pike.
10 The pike.
11 Season.
12 Must.
13 Snakelike fishes.
14 Result.
15 Stringed instrument.
16 Molecules.
17 Cavalry soldier.
18 Hop kiln.
19 Correlative to neither.
20 The White Nun.
21 Liberato.
22 Vein.
23 Expressing deference.
24 Arise.
25 Meal made from oats.
26 Foot lever.
27 Buy back.
28 Descendant of Shem.
29 Tended.
30 Dark.
31 Cheeky.
32 Wrecks.
33 Otherwise.
34 Tall man.
35 Vascular network of vessels.
36 Textile fabric.
37 Overturn.
38 Wheel bands.
39 Small rope.

Down.
1 Brandied.
2 Raid.
3 Auger.
4 Set.
5 Cleric.
6 Cartel.
7 Listen.
8 Bought.
9 Trap.
10 Trap.
11 Relax.
12 Warn.
13 Super.
14 Rival.
15 Mavis.
16 Steps.
17 Renew.
18 Staleness.
19 Yesterday's Solution.

LETTER GOLF.

To-day's letter golf puzzle may
be called a noble effort—it con-
cerns BOGUS DUKES.

Details of Croydon's intellec-
tual leanings are contained in the
annual report of the Public Li-
braries of the borough. The year
was the busiest on record, and the
total number of issues exceeded
one and a half millions.

The demand for general works,
it is stated, was almost double
that for fiction. The past few
years have seen a rapid growth in
the study of history, and this
still remains the most popular
single subject. Next in order of
preference come works on English
literature, fine arts, biography,
and music.

In the fiction classes the out-
standing feature is a remarkable
jump, from 9,000 to 14,000, in the
issues of French novels and poems.

The reference department illus-
trates its resources by giving a list
of some of the inquiries with
which it has dealt. These in-
clude:

The date of the charter allowing
the Dutch to moor their eel boats
to the chains in the Thames.

The number of women in indus-
try and the professions.

Coccidiosis in rabbits.

Name of a new periodical deal-
ing with automatic machines.

Young Croydon is nothing if not
modern in its taste. "Christopher
Robin" holds undisputed sway.

and Lewis Carroll is so fallen
from grace that one might well
demand "Alice, where art thou?"



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The
Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY SEPT. 27, 1929.

THE EXTRALITY DEMAND ANSWERED.

Scarcely a day passes without the provision of further evidence justifying the Treaty Powers in their refusal to agree to the immediate abolition of extraterritorial rights. Within the past week, we have published an account showing the number of atrocities in the interior of China since the beginning of the year in which foreigners had been the victims. This disclosed that no fewer than nine (all missionaries save one) have been murdered by bandits, thirty-two captured and held to ransom, and seven others assaulted and subjected to treatment which only just stopped short of abduction. A point to be emphasised in this connexion is that women and children, as well as men, figured amongst the victims, and that in some instances the most shocking forms of cruelty were indulged in. Moreover, nationals of many countries were the sufferers.

Since that list was compiled, there have been several other instances illustrating the dangers run by foreigners at the hands of bandit gangs in the interior of China, whilst the case of the master of the Norwegian steamer Botnia serves to show that even afloat foreigners are not immune from serious risks. Yesterday we reported the plight in which three members of a German missionary organisation find themselves after being held captive for no less than six weeks. Their captors not only have the audacity to demand two million dollars' ransom, but also throw it in the faces of the missionary body that no efforts either by Germany or by the Canton Government will induce them to give up their prisoners unless the money is paid. They even have the temerity to make elaborate arrangements for payment of the ransom in the British Colony of Hongkong! The situation in which these missionaries find themselves is only aggravated by the fact that Germany is among the nations which have no extraterritorial rights in China. It is pertinent to remark, also, that these perfectly innocent foreigners were carried off not far from a big Chinese city which has a magistrate with troops under his command, and that the bandits are within the jurisdiction of the Kwangtung Government, being less than a hundred miles distant from Swatow. When we take a case like this, it becomes obvious that,

however much Nanking may plead its willingness to grant protection to foreigners, it is absolutely unable to exercise its authority. These are hard facts which no amount of quibbling can overcome. Incidentally, we wonder what the Nanking Government would say if Chinese in foreign countries were kidnapped and murdered to the extent to which they are in China to-day?

If we take the case of Mr. Anderson, the Russian employee of the Chinese Maritime Customs Service, we get another reason why it would be impolitic to give up extraterritoriality under existing conditions. Unhappily for this victim of Chinese injustice, he belongs to a nation which has given up the privileges of consular jurisdiction, but the circumstances of his imprisonment are such that they might easily befall any other foreigner. For an alleged opium offence, he has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment, being thrown into a cell with three Chinese prisoners. Apart from the obvious severity of the sentence, the worst feature of the case is that there was no trial in the real sense of the word. No evidence whatever was called, the accused being promptly sentenced after a statement by his prosecutors. In the face of a case like this, how can China expect to be believed when she says that her Courts can guarantee fair treatment to foreigners? These things happen, let it be noted, not in an out-of-the-way spot in the interior, but actually in a Treaty Port. If justice cannot be secured there, how much less is it likely to be obtained in remote parts of the country?

Hongkong Air Mails.

Almost lost in a wealth of detail regarding the very considerable progress made in all branches of commercial aviation by the Imperial Airways last year, we find a hint by Sir Eric Geddes that mail traffic on the Croydon-Karachi service has not increased with the rapidity anticipated. In view of the fact that the Company looks to air mails to produce their most profitable source of revenue, it is difficult to avoid the inference that the service lacks some qualification essential to complete success, a suggestion which is borne out, we think, by a study of the problem. The weakness of the Indian air-mail, we believe, is the unnecessary limitation placed upon its sphere of influence. The choice of Karachi, far away in the north-west of India, as the Indian terminus, is unsound geographically and commercially for various reasons. That this point has been brought home to the Board seems obvious from the negotiations commenced with the Government of India for an extension of the route to Delhi and Calcutta, with the intention, ultimately, of carrying right through to Australia, taking in, we presume, Singapore en route. The enormous improvement which would thus be effected is obvious, and we strongly doubt if the Company would have further cause for complaint. The project is one which, incidentally, will be of material benefit to Hongkong. Under existing arrangements, the advantage of sending letters by air mail from Hongkong to London is extremely problematical. Numerous connections between Hongkong and Karachi have to be picked up, in some cases with a layover of merely an hour or so. If all goes well, it is possible for letters to reach England a week or more before the ordinary steamer route, but a breakdown at any point is liable to throw back the time by a week. The new proposals, however, offer a much more encouraging outlook. The extension of the service to Singapore would bring the Straits Settlements within ten or eleven days of London, and Hongkong correspondingly, within sixteen or seventeen days. There is an alternative suggestion, offering almost equal advantages, namely, that the Karachi service should be extended to Bombay and Colombo, linking up at Ceylon with the Australian and Far East steamers. Combinations of air and steamship services have already been successfully exploited on the Atlantic, and there is no reason why the Indian Ocean should not be given similar facilities. Only one more thing would be required, the exercise of a little initiative by the Hongkong Government to provide for the establishment of a service between Hongkong and Singapore.

On pleading guilty to a charge of overcharging four pigs, a Chinese was fined \$12 by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, to receive twelve strokes of the cane for receiving an iron bar which had been stolen from the Wing On Loong contractors' yard in Nathan Road.

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When charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with being in possession of nine coconuts reasonably suspected of having been stolen or unlawfully obtained, a Chinese said that they had been given to him by a man on a ship but he did not know the man or the name of the ship. His Worship held that the defendant failed to discharge the onus of proof of his innocence and imposed a fine of \$5 or seven days' hard labour in default.

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DAY BY DAY.

EVERY DISABILITY UNDER WHICH WOMEN SUFFER WILL SOONER OR LATER BE REMOVED—Mrs. Eva McLaren.

The loss of a silver watch from his locker in Murray Barracks was reported to the Police yesterday by Pte. Chapman, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Lieut. Commander William Guy Loy Cooper, R.N., H.M.S. Bruce, to Miss Patricia Fforde, of Ramsgate, Kent.

Capt. Thomas, residing at No. 1, Kimberley Villas, reported to the Police yesterday the loss of two white cotton jackets which were stolen from the line at the rear of the house.

A young Chinese, residing at Shanghai Street, was fined \$10 by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for removing earth from the hillside at King's Park without permission.

Six Manila hemp ropes and three anchors valued at \$37, belonging to the Hongkong Excavation Pipe Driving and Construction Co. Ltd., are reported to have been stolen from rafts in Gin Drinker's Bay.

THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

Interesting Pictures in
To-morrow's Issue.

To-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Art Supplement will be found to contain many interesting topical pictures.

In the realm of sport, there will be pictures of players who took part in the matches at the H.K.C.C. lawn tennis "At Home," as well as of Lady Clementi distributing the prizes; a photograph of Honda and Lin Bong-so, who met in the final of the C.A.A. tournament; whilst the football match between South China and the Army, and the polo game between the Somersets and the Typhoons will also be illustrated.

There will also be some charming pictures of Hongkong by day and night, as well as two of the launching of the China Navigation Company's steamer Tai Yuan.

Passengers arriving here this morning by the P. and O. s.s. *Mantua*, from Shanghai, included Major and Mrs. D. G. Cheyne, Mr. H. Glover, Mr. A. J. Linge, Mr. R. T. McDonnell, Mrs. and Miss Macarthur, and Mr. and Mrs. Piers.

On a charge of receiving three butchers' knives and two sharpening steels, the property of a stall holder of the Yaumati Market, a Chinese was fined \$10 or 14 days' hard labour by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

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THE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

PAST SEASON REVIEWED IN ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society is to be held at the Cathedral Hall on Monday, October 7th, at 5.30 p.m. Amongst the business to be dealt with will be two proposed amendments of rules, these being:

(a) Delete Rule 19 and substitute "Rule 19.—The Committee shall have power to determine the season's programme, and shall make all arrangements in connexion with the performances and rehearsals."

(b) Amend Rule 23 "The Annual Subscriptions for ordinary members shall be \$4 for gentlemen and \$3 for lady members, payable as from the 1st July."

Annual Report.

The annual report states: The membership of the Society numbers 14 Vice-Presidents, six Subscribing Members, and 118 Ordinary Members.

The Society assisted in the Tattoo held in aid of the Y.M.C.A. in October.

Sir Edward German's Opera "Tom Jones" was produced in December, and although a musical success, and much enjoyed by both the performers and the public, resulted in a loss of \$1,755.91.

On the Society finding itself in debt after the result of "Tom Jones" was known, it was considered inadvisable to incur any more liabilities in the second part of the season, and the intended production of "Patience" was abandoned.

Mr. R. R. Davies acted as Hon. Producer, while the Hon. Musical Director was Mr. W. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M., to both of whom the thanks of the Society are due.

Mr. W. W. Hornell, who accepted the post of President of the Society at the last annual general Meeting, and was most enthusiastic, resigned on proceeding on leave early this year, and Professor Brown consented to take office. Mr. T. V. Harmon carried on the duties of Hon. Secretary until he proceeded on leave in March, when he resigned, and the work was resumed by Mr. H. J. Best. The duties of Hon. Treasurer have been carried on by Mr. R. D. Damer, whose thoroughness and conscientiousness deserve the appreciation of the Society.

The Committee desire to express their thanks to all those who worked so hard towards the success of the Opera; to the Cathedral Body for the use of the Cathedral Hall for Committee meetings, and to Mr. T. Black for kindly auditing the accounts.

As a result of the serious loss on "Tom Jones" the Society found itself in debt, and an appeal to the members resulted in the sum of \$254 being subscribed. As a result of this appeal, the Committee is pleased to report that although the balance sheet shows a loss of \$154.65, after taking taking credit for the sum of \$183.95, refund allowed by Messrs. Chappell for "Patience" scores, which arrived after the accounts were closed, the Society has the sum of \$32.30 to its credit after all liabilities have been met.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended September 16th, 1908:

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 9½d.

It was notified that the fees for Queen's College would be \$48 per annum for all classes.

A. E. Thomas, of H.M.S. *Tamar*, won the annual Harbour Race, with C. J. Cooke second and A. V. Barros third.

Mrs. Gresson performed the christening ceremony of the West River patrol cruiser *Kiang Chi*, at Kowloon Docks.

At the V.R.C. annual aquatic sports, C. J. Cooke won the half-mile championship of the Colony. The Club 100 yards championship was won by C. Humphreys, with C. J. Cooke second.

Mr. C. Pemberton was appointed Secretary of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

On conviction of a charge of keeping No. 293, Reclamation Street as a common gaming house, an elderly Chinese woman was fined \$100 or two months' hard labour by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. A Chinese, who two previous conviction was fined \$100 or three months, while a second man was fined \$50 or one month for being found printing *po-piu* lottery tickets on the premises.

The Very Idea!

The Duke of York, who wore a brown tweed coat, grey shorts, and an open shirt, had an enjoyable informal time in his camp at New Bombay, where 400 boys from public schools and industries are spending a week's holiday as his guests.

After sharing the boys' luncheon of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, followed by gooseberry tart and custard, the Duke started an obstacle relay race, the chief sporting event of the day.

After tea the Duke bathed with the boys, undressing on the beach. On the conclusion of his swim, he was presented with a biscuit, the award for all boys whose heads had been properly ducked.

Supper and a camp sing-song ended a jolly day. The camp jazz band, in which Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton plays the saxophone, gave a spirited performance in a variety of strange costumes, and there was also a farce, "Aunt Matilda," produced by one of the boys. During the sing-song the Duke distributed more biscuits to those who had distinguished themselves.

The foundation stones of the world in the strict sense are unknown.—Professor A. C. Seward.

Referring to one's father as "old bean" is not necessarily a symptom of moral delinquency.—Mr. P. B. Showman.

No man ought to have a temper at seventy-two years of age. My temper has gone, and I am not sixty yet.—Mr. Bernard Campion.

The best English accent is lack of accent.—Mr. C. B. Cochran.

Woman follows fashion, but her wanderings keep people—men as well as women—employed. Change of fashion has been among the causes that have brought harm to the cotton trade, although Lancashire had as much chance as any part of England to share in the new opportunities brought by the invention of artificial silk.

Whenever the scientists gather I code an inquisitive ear.

There's sure, amidst all of their blather,

To be something I'm anxious to hear.

The views that I do not agree with

I promptly and firmly decline;

OPIUM DIVAN IN BARRACKS.

ANOTHER MAN BEFORE THE COURT TO-DAY.

MAAK FAAT ESCAPES.

In connexion with the case in which four Chinese employed in Victoria Barracks are said to have taken advantage of the immunity conferred by their military surroundings to maintain an opium divan, as a result of which one of them was formally charged on Tuesday with the possession of a little over a tael of contraband opium and was fined \$25 in respect of a quarter share of the opium. Revenue Officer Grinnitt produced another Chinese before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning. This man was described as one of the men using the room in which the man who was convicted on Tuesday was seen by Corporal W. Blakeborough to pour the contraband into small pots. He was charged with the possession of a quarter share of the opium found in the previous case, as, according to the evidence, four messengers used the room in Victoria Barracks referred to.

Revenue Officer Grinnitt mentioned that the man before the Court was not Maak Faat but the third man seen in the room by Corporal Blakeborough at the time. Apparently, Maak Faat had been arrested and again escaped.

In answer to the charge, the defendant said the opium was the property of the convicted man, who sold the stuff in bottles—20 cents for a large pot and 10 cents for a small one. Defendant claimed to have bought the opium from the man who was convicted on Tuesday.

His Worship remarked that he did not think there was evidence against the defendant, but there was evidence against Maak Faat in the statement made by the convicted man. In any case, his Worship would give a remand of 24 hours, in order to allow Revenue Officer Grinnitt to make further inquiries, fixing bail at \$25.

His Worship, concluding, informed R.O. Grinnitt that unless the latter could obtain more evidence beyond the fact that the defendant was seen in the room concerned, with a woman, it was of no use for him to continue with the case.

RECENT NORTH SEA DISASTER.

A BLACK MASS OF A SHIP LOOMED UP.

Grimby, Aug. 20. Graphic descriptions of the sinking of the Spanish steamer Osono with the loss of 14 lives in the North Sea early on Sunday morning were given at the inquest at Grimby, today, on Norberto Gutierrez, the wireless operator, whose body is the only one so far recovered.

The Osono, a vessel of 2,418 tons came into collision with the British ocean-going tug King's Cross.

Eduardo Ugaldos, second mate of the Osono, who is the only surviving officer, said he was on the bridge with the captain and he saw the lights of a ship about five miles away. He kept on his course waiting for the approaching ship to go to starboard. The other ship kept on its course, and when three-quarters of a mile away he saw its port light.

When the ship would be about a quarter of a mile away he saw the starboard light. Realizing the danger of a collision, he put his wheel hard to starboard, but the other vessel struck him aft on the port side.

He at once ran to the wireless operator's cabin and told him to send a message for help, but he did not think that he would have time to do so before the ship sank. All the Osono's navigation lights were burning at the time of the collision. The Osono was lighted by paraffin.

He saved himself, he added, by climbing on to an upturned lifeboat, along with three others, and was picked up four hours later.

Exceptionally Dark.

Henry Gardner, mate of the King's Cross, said that it was an exceptionally dark night, and he did not see the lights of an approaching ship. The first he saw was the black mass of a ship loom up before him. He ported his helm, but a collision occurred.

He tried to keep the nose of the King's Cross in the Osono in order to keep her up, but after striking her port quarter the tug glided off. The Osono sank in five or six minutes. The tug was well lighted by electricity.

Replies to questions, Gardner said that he did not hold any certificates. He did not hear any whistle sounded nor did he sound the tug's whistle.

The Coroner recorded a verdict that death was due to shock from exposure due to the sinking of the ship as the result of a collision.

NO ALARM FELT IN CANTON.

READY FOR EMERGENCY ON WEST RIVER.

AEROPLANES SENT.

Canton, Sept. 26. Canton government circles remain unperturbed by the political situation, although news has come from Wuchow that the situation there is most critical.

The Wuchow authorities have ordered all steamers arriving at and leaving Wuchow to be subjected to a most rigid search.

Martial law has been declared, while the troops of General Luu Wooyin are concentrating with those of General Li Ming-shui in the city.

As a precaution against a revolt of the Kwangsi leaders, the Canton Government has commissioned a number of aeroplanes for Shihing, an important strategic position on the West River.

Beginning to-day the management of the Central Bank in Canton has had to summon armed gendarmes to preserve order outside the office following the rush for silver exchange.

Information from semi-official sources states that Military Headquarters have supplied \$200,000 to Gen. Heung Hon-ping, the commander of the 62nd Kwangtung Division, to cover the expense of transporting to the West River.

ELECTION EXPENSES RETURN.

JUDGE DEALS WITH A CASE OF DELAY.

Mr. Justice Rigby Swift sat in the King's Bench Division to deal with the application of Mr. Ernest H. G. Roberts, the defeated Conservative candidate for Flint at the General Election, for an order excusing him for not having sent in a return and declaration of his election expenses within the statutory time allowed.

The matter came before the Judge shortly before the Courts rose for the Long Vacation, and on that occasion Mr. Roberts, who was represented by Mr. Roland Oliver, K.C., and Mr. W. Williams, explained that he had instructed his election agent, Mr. Isaac Edwards, to keep the expenses down to £1,500 and wrote him to make the necessary return. Mr. Edwards told the Judge that, when he found that the sum had been exceeded he had adopted "a policy of drift."

Mr. Williams said that the amount had been paid and the return was ready to be made. He asked the Judge to allow the return to be made. The amount was £1,658 and a few shillings, which was more than £60, under the maximum.

Mr. Justice Swift—Has the agent done everything now that he could do to assist you?

Mr. Williams—Yes, he has, and I am making no allegations against his bona fides at all.

Mr. Justice Swift—He is the gentleman who drifted?

Mr. Williams—Oh, yes.

Mr. John Morris, who appeared for Mr. Edwards, said that he understood all the account had been paid, and on Mr. Edwards's behalf he desired to express his regret that he did not write to the candidate and consider the expediting of making the return.

Mr. Justice Swift said that the candidate would receive his "authorised excuse" and the return must be made forthwith.

FRIGHT AT REFLECTION.

30 POLICE SUMMONED BY HOTEL GUEST.

Paris, Aug. 21. In the small hours of yesterday morning an urgent telephone message came from an hotel to the effect that a burglar had been seen by a guest and was hiding somewhere in the building.

Five policemen were immediately despatched, but, on arriving at the address, decided that their force was inadequate and appealed for reinforcements. When a second contingent of 26 policemen had arrived the hunt commenced.

The garrets, cellars, and bathrooms of the hotel were searched from top to bottom. Revolver in hand, the搜查者 penetrated to the most inaccessible corners, climbed into lofts, and even visited the roofs.

Several of the residents, awakened and questioned, swore that they had heard the footsteps of the criminal. Finally the person who had given the alarm, a German youth of 18, lately arrived in Paris, repeated his story, "I had just got into bed," he said, "and was going to put out the light when a head appeared at the window."

And to make the incident more real, he was about to indicate the gesture when he suddenly saw his own face in the glass. That was the burglar.

THE "JOY RIDER" AND HIS FRANKS.

BORROWING OTHER PEOPLE'S CARS.

Resentment is rapidly increasing against the "joy-rider" who "borrows" other people's cars without the consent of the owners, and there is a growing demand for legislation to deal with the practice.

According to various magistrates who have had such cases before them, it is difficult to hold that there has been intent to steal. Consequently the charge is either dismissed, or the offender is given some negligible fine on a charge of stealing petrol.

"We have had complaints from members for years," an official of the Automobile Association said recently, "but without legislation we are helpless. We are hoping that a clause which will deal with the offence, will be inserted in the Traffic Bill which may be introduced next session. Falling that it is to be hoped that the representations of our secretary, Mr. Stenson Cooke, in his evidence before the Royal Commission on Road Traffic, will lead to a recommendation in their second report."

"We have had many hard cases brought to our notice. Recently, a member reported that he was rung up by the police at four o'clock in the morning to tell him that his car had been found wrecked on a road. It had been taken out of his garage without his knowledge by his chauffeur, who had driven off with a friend and had come into collision with a tramcar. The motor-car was worth £750, but it was impossible to recover the money from the chauffeur."

Widespread Practice.

"An aspect of this question," he added, "is that a person who will take a car in this way is often of a most unreliable type. He is frequently the worse for drink, and the offence is one which may easily be a danger to the public."

Meanwhile, the Southend Magistrates are asking the Home Office to take steps to make the taking of cars for "joy-riding" a punishable offence.

At the moment, however, it seems that the law is such that motor bandits, for instance, may "borrow" a car with impunity for a "smash-and-grab" raid, or an offender against the law, anxious to escape from the police, may jump into the nearest car, drive off, and then abandon it at his leisure.

That the practice is widespread is evident from a recent report by Lord Byng, in which he stated that out of 2,120 reported stolen cars, 1,833 of them were found generally within a few hours of their loss, and in circumstances which would make a charge of theft impossible.

So common, indeed, is the practice that the plea of no intention to steal was used by two youths who were seen to take an unattended car from Gresham-street. The police gave chase, and ultimately arrested them. The Magistrate at the Guildhall, in convicting them, said: "This offence is far too common, and I am going to send you to one month's hard labour each."

Mr. Justice Swift said that the candidate would receive his "authorised excuse" and the return must be made forthwith.

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LONDON-RANGOON FLIGHT.

SINO-BURMAN OFFICER TO MAKE ATTEMPT.

HOLIDAY AMBITION.

According to the *Rangoon Times*, inspired by the deeds of intrepid aviators of various nationalities who have made successful flights from London to distant parts of the world a young Sino-Burman Forest Officer hopes to emulate their example within the next few months.

Mr. L. Htin Wah, who is in the Imperial Forest Service, was a Lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps during the war and has had considerable experience of flying both by day and night.

On his return to Burma he joined the Forest Service. He is about thirty-five years of age and is filled with the spirit of adventure which on one occasion led him to take a walking tour from Calcutta to Rangoon, which he carried out successfully.

Mr. Htin Wah, when in England on the last occasion, got into communication with the leading officials there and also visited the various aviation works.

He then made arrangements for the flight which he now proposes to undertake and has received the permission of the authorities of the various countries over which he intends to fly, to do so. These officials have assured him of all assistance in his project.

Mr. L. Htin Wah left Rangoon recently and proceeds via Siam, China, Japan and America on a holiday. The reason for choosing this route is to get into touch with the aviation officials at these places, because if his London-Rangoon flight is successful he desires to carry out the more ambitious project of flying to China and Japan.

When he reaches London, Mr. Htin Wah will get into communication with Sir Charles Wakefield and also the manufacturers of the Avro plane. He intends seeing Mr. A. Eggar who is making arrangements for the purchase of a plane for the Burma Flying Club and will discuss with him his projected flight which has been a secret ambition for many years and which only now is he able to undertake while on holiday.

The Burma population is very interested in the flight and intends to support Mr. Htin Wah in his project.

JOURNALISM TO-DAY.

OLD AND NEW METHODS CONTRASTED.

There was an interesting debate at the Institute of Journalists' Conference at Portsmouth between Mr. J. A. Spender, for many years Editor of the *Westminster Gazette*, and Mr. Sidney Dark, Editor of the *Church Times*, on "The Old Journalism versus the New."

Mr. Spender said that he agreed with the President (Mr. H. A. Gwynne, Editor of the *Morning Post*) that there were signs that we were going back to graver journalism.

He complained that many newspapers, contained so little news. More than half the space was filled by advertisements and a large amount of the remainder might

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DOCTOR DEFENDS SINGAPORE.

MUCH HEALTHIER THAN IS GENERALLY SUPPOSED.

UNFAIR CRITICISMS.

"Singapore is probably a very much healthier place than is generally supposed" remarks Dr. P. S. Hunter, Health Officer for the Singapore Municipality in his report for the year 1928. In the course of his observations, Dr. Hunter says:

Turning to the recorded deaths from malaria, there were 1,196 of these during the year. I propose, reasonably I think, to apply to these the figures obtained from the analysis of the cases of malaria. Taking the 67 per cent. figure we could then place 800 of the deaths as "external" deaths. Taking the other figure, i.e. that not more than 10 per cent. of the cases contract malaria in Singapore then it follows that not more than 120 of the deaths should be assigned to Singapore. And I am reasonably confident this is nearer the truth.

Further with regard to the deaths from other causes, though I have no facts or figures in proof, I think we might reasonably infer that many of the 482 dysentery deaths, the 869 beri beri deaths and the 486 deaths from old age, could, in similar manner, be assumed to be external deaths.

I have no purpose in my speculations above other than to suggest that Singapore is probably a very much healthier place than is generally supposed. In common with other large Eastern cities it has to pay the penalty of its size and geographical position by being made to shoulder the responsibility for the failure, shall we say, of hygienic measures elsewhere. If I succeed only in removing to some extent the wrong impression created by the unfavourable and unfair remarks made about us at Home, and in instilling into those concerned with the formulation and enforcement of health measures in this town a spirit of hopefulness, the time and thought expended on these speculations will not have been wasted.

Singapore's Slums.

With reference to other chief causes of death, tuberculosis accounted for 1,411 (phthisis 1,313) and the pneumonias for 1,806. The two together accounted for roughly 25 per cent. of all the deaths.

I have said enough about these diseases in previous reports and I do not propose to enlarge any further. We know the cause and the remedy. All experience elsewhere goes to prove that the provision of sanitary housing is the only real and lasting cure. And that is in the hands of the Improvement Trust. During the year under review that body has been particularly busy and several of its schemes are approaching completion. Great expectations are held of the Tiong Bahru scheme which, it is hoped, will one day be the nucleus of a new and sanitary Chinatown. The preliminary part of the work in connexion with this scheme is well under way.

The great thing is that we now recognise the evil and its causes and our minds are set in the right direction for their eradication. At the same time lest any are still doubtful as to the necessity for cleaning up our slums there is no harm in drawing their attention to a comparison between the number of deaths from these causes in Singapore and the number dying of the same diseases in England and Wales, where the climatic conditions are so much more favourable to their spread.

Out of every 1,000 deaths in Singapore phthisis was responsible for 104 and the pneumonias for 143. The corresponding figures for England and Wales were 66 and 71.

have appeared this week, next week, or, indeed, never.

Newspapers, he also complained, seldom contained the scores of both sides in a crucial match, and the reader was expected to remember the scores in the first, and second day's play.

The main point of a story appeared three times—first in the headlines, secondly in the first paragraph, and finally in the body of the story, and this in newspapers which complained of space shortage.

The advertiser, he continued, did not distinguish between one kind of newspaper circulation and another, and imagined that numbers, regardless of how they were obtained, and the public they comprised, alone mattered.

Mr. Dark, replying, did not agree

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R.A.S.C.	10
Major T. J. R. Langmaid, retired	10
Sergeant Skipp, a Walker, b McFadyen	16
Corporal Crowcroft, b Rowe	8
Corporal Fennell, c Jackson, b McFadyen	5
L/Corporal Lyons, retired	22
W. O. 1. McDonald, c Walker, b McFadyen	12
Lieut. Marshall, b Rowe	16
Pte. Fry, c Jackson, b McFadyen	26
Pte. Andrews, run out	26
L/Corporal Simpson, b Rowe	2
L/Corporal Taylor, not out	14
Extras	127
Total	127

Bowling Analysis.

	Runs Wkt.
Pte. MacFadyen	33 3
Corporal Rowe	53 2
Pte. Walker	23 1

R.A.O.C.

	Runs Wkt.
L/Corporal Redmond, b Fry	16
Pte. McFadyen, c Skipp, b Lyons	0
Pte. Walker, b Skipp, b Lyons	0
L/Sgt. Sharpe, b Simpson	0
Pte. Bembridge, run out	0
Pte. Williamson, b.w., b Lyons	0
Pte. Jackson, b Lyons	2
Corporal Rowe, c Maj. Langmaid, b Andrews	0
Pte. Harris, b Andrews	0
Pte. Mackay (Substitute) not out	1
Pte. Bolshaw (Substitute), b Andrews	2
Total	26

Bowling Analysis.

	Runs Wkt.
Pte. Fry	2 1
L/Corporal Simpson	4
Sergeant Skipp	9 3
Pte. Andrews	2 3
Corporal Fennell	1 3

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

ARMY v. CHINESE ATHLETIC.

Arrangements have been made to play a friendly football match, Army v. Chinese Athletic on Sookunpo football ground on Saturday, kick off at 4.30 p.m. The following players have been selected to represent the Army team—Gr. Fletcher (K.A.), Cpl. Gardiner (2nd. K.O.S.Bs.), Sgt. Reeves (2nd K.O.S.Bs.), L/Cpl. Everett (2nd K.O.S.Bs.), L/Cpl. Davey (2nd K.O.S.Bs.), Gr. Joyce (R.A.), Pte. Palmer, Sgt. Bewley, Bvt. Ed. Rayson, (1/S. L. I.), Pte. McGlinchey and Pte. Alexander (2/K.O.S.Bs.).

Reserves.—Gunner Oliver (R.A.), Cpl. West (1/S. L. I.), Sgt. Skeggs (2/K.O.S.Bs.), Pte. Butcher (1/S. L. I.) and Pte. Stocks (2/K.O.S.Bs.).

Referee—Q. M. S. Scott, R.E.

Linesman—C. S. M. Parry, 1/S. L. I.

In addition to the above, a friendly match has been arranged between the 2nd K.O.S.Bs. Reserves and Chinese Athletic Reserves at Sookunpo, kick off at 3 p.m.

Football Finance.

The Hongkong Football Association's financial statement to August 31, 1929 shows that the Association Account stands at \$3,508.14, the Interport Account at \$6,759.64 and the League Account at \$3,126.70. League entrance fees totalled \$520. On the payments side, charity grants account for \$3,066.70, referee bonuses \$1,214 and office furniture and fittings \$532.98. A sum of \$12,000 is on fixed deposit and a balance of \$1,541 is carried forward.

AMERICAN STOCKS.

CABLED QUOTATIONS FROM NEW YORK.

The following quotations are at the close of the market on Thursday, having been received from their correspondents Messrs. Hayden, Stone and Co. of New York, by Messrs. Swan, Gilbertson and Fritz, Sassoan House, Shanghai, public address: "Swanstock" (Shanghai), who are not responsible for the cable quotations. The quotations are subject to confirmation.

	Previous Price	Latest Price
Anaconda Copper	123	122
Bethlehem Steel	120	119
Baltimore and Ohio	134	137
Chrysler Corp. (Common)	58	61
Eric Ely Co.	84	85
General Motors	70	69
Generally Ely Signal	117	117
Goodyear Tyre and Rubber	105	105
International Cement (Common)	88	87
Missouri Pacific (Common)	72	67
Liggett and Myers "B"	88	90
Nevada Consolidated Copper	46	46
Radio Corporation of America (Common)	90	90
Standard Oil Co. of New York	44	45
Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey	75	75
Southern Pacific	145	146
Texas Corporation	67	67
United States Steel	232	232
Vacuum Oil	122	122

MALARIA CURE FOR PARALYSIS.

HOW TREATMENT IS GIVEN.

For some years many cases of that terrible form of mental derangement known as "general paralysis of the insane" have been treated by infecting them with malaria, and the Board of Control has now issued a valuable report written by Surgeon Rear-Admiral E. T. Meagher, R.N. (H.M. Stationery Office, price 2s. net), in which the results of this treatment have been carefully collected and analysed.

General paralysis is a most serious malady, responsible for some of the worst types of insanity and generally regarded prior to the introduction of malarial treatment as incurable. The particular infecting organism responsible, at least in part, for the production of the disease is well known, and certain drugs have a marked influence upon this organism when it is situated in other parts of the body, but when it gets itself into the brains, as it were, these drugs are almost without any effect.

On the other hand, during attacks of fever of whatever origin it had been observed, many years ago, that a patient with general paralysis showed some improvement, the general processes concerned in fever being able apparently to dislodge and attack the organism. As far back as 1887 Professor Wagner-Jauregg, of Vienna, suggested the use of malaria for treating cases of general paralysis, but it was not until 1917, after years of disappointment and failure, that his successful results began to attract general medical interest, and in 1922 the Board of Control instituted a trial of this method in this country.

Comparative Figures.

In this method of treatment malaria is conveyed to the patient by the "subcutaneous" or "intravenous" inoculation of the blood of a malarial patient, or by exposure to a mosquito infected with malaria. After a brief incubation period bouts of fever begin at regular intervals and the infection can be controlled and brought to an end, as desired, by the administration of quinine.

As with every new form of treatment, especially for an almost incurable malady, there is always a tendency to take a far too optimistic outlook, but Admiral Meagher has scrutinised the results with such care that his conclusions, very cautiously drawn, are of considerable value.

As a comparison for the results of malarial treatment he followed a group of over 600 cases of general paralysis admitted to various mental hospitals in 1923, where the new treatment was not employed. Of this group 90 per cent. had died by 1927 and only 2 per cent. had been discharged. Since 1922 over 1,500 cases of this disease have received malarial treatment in various mental hospitals. Of these less than 34 per cent. are dead and 25 per cent. have been discharged.

It has been used as an argument against the employment of malarial treatment that it is futile to keep alive patients who will only continue to be a burden upon their relatives, but on investigating the cases who have been discharged it is found that 321 are able to follow an occupation and only 42 are totally unfit for employment because of their mental state.

Future Prospects.

When it is remembered that under existing legislation cases are only admitted to mental hospitals, where the bulk of malarial treatment has been carried out, after being definitely certified as insane, and that the series here reported cannot be said to include early cases, then the results are truly remarkable. There are many practical difficulties in the way of securing early treatment, but these will be gradually overcome and there is hope for even better results in the future.

As to how malaria acts in curing general paralysis great uncertainty exists. Some maintain that it is merely a convenient way of giving regularly recurring bouts of fever, while others hold that the malarial poison has a destructive action upon the organisms causing general paralysis. Whatever the process there can now be little doubt, after Admiral Meagher's report, that malaria does offer a chance of a cure for a hitherto incurable malady.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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PRIMATE'S GARDEN.

A TRANSFORMATION AT LAMBETH.

The garden of Lambeth Palace—the official London residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury—is now one of the finest as well as probably the oldest in London. Seldon, perhaps, since the days of the old Bishop of Rochester, to whom the manor of "North Lambeth" was originally presented by the Confessor before Domesday, has it been the scene of so colourful a display of flowers.

Eight months ago, when Dr. Lang moved from Bishopthorpe York, to Lambeth, the garden was in a wild and overgrown condition, masses of privet and weeds abounding on all sides.

Dr. Lang's predecessors were unable to remedy this state of affairs owing to the heavy expense involved, and the fact that the two regular gardeners employed at the Palace were quite unable to keep pace with the overgrowth.

It must not be forgotten that, besides the expense incurred in the upkeep of Lambeth Palace, the Archbishop has also to maintain the Lambeth garden, therefore, inevitably suffered neglect, and would have continued to suffer had not a personal friend of Dr. Lang, who prefers to remain anonymous, generously offered to bear the greater part of the considerable cost of renovation.

A Look Round.

The lawn facing the east front of the Palace is now bounded by a brick terrace before it dips to a lower expanse of turf stretching away towards the walls of St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School. It was a mass of brilliant colour from dahlias, nemesis, viscaria, and antirrhinum.

"In order to make the flower beds on the lower lawn, we had first to sweep away masses of privet and wild growth of all kinds," said Mr. Budden. "So bad was the condition of the soil from not having been worked for so long, and from the accumulation of soot, that it was found quite useless for flower culture, and we therefore brought into the garden some 600 tons of fresh soil."

These beds are a blaze of glory of marigolds and other flowers, and the walk flanking the terrace now passes between delightful borders of rhododendrons.

Eight Months Job.

Mr. Budden found the great lawn in poor condition. During the war, it was dug up for allotments, but the absence of an adequate water supply rendered it

INFANT MORTALITY.

REPORT ON AN ENGLISH INVESTIGATION.

The Health Committee of the League of Nations in 1923 decided to institute an international inquiry into infant mortality, and the English section has been presented as a Report by Dame Janet Campbell (Stationery Office, 1923).

Investigations were carried out over a twelve-month period during 1927-28 in four selected districts, Sunderland and parts of Staffordshire, where the infant mortality was relatively high, and in Croydon and Oxfordshire, where it was relatively low. The primary object of the research was to determine as far as possible the causes of death of infants in these districts during the period named.

The investigation has brought out very clearly certain points already known, but which need emphasis if the problem is to be satisfactorily attacked. In a final section of the report Dr. Campbell sets out her suggestions for reducing the infantile mortality rate still further. The establishment of a maternity service is advocated; the most important suggestion is for an extension of the present facilities for home nursing, so that skilled nurses can attend all sick babies in their homes. It is also suggested that the most satisfactory way of ensuring timely medical attendance for these babies would be by an extension of the National Health Insurance Act to the dependents of insured persons. Improvement in general sanitary conditions and in housing are still necessary, and there must be still more education of the public in the importance of securing suitable provision for maternal and child welfare.

Finally, the report urges that there shall be further scientific investigation, and study of infant hygiene and the diseases of infants and children and better education of medical students in this branch of the curriculum.

almost useless for such a purpose. "It will be some time before we can get the turf into tip-top condition," he added. It has taken Mr. Budden and eight gardeners since December to transform the grounds from a wilderness into a garden of perfection.

The Queen paid a special visit to Lambeth Palace to inspect the grounds, and Princess Mary and the Duchess of York have also shown great interest in the work. Another addition to the grounds is a neat red-tiled house which has recently been completed to the order of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners as a residence for the head gardener. It stands in a corner of the grounds flanked by the Archbishop's Palace Gardens, now used as a public recreation ground.



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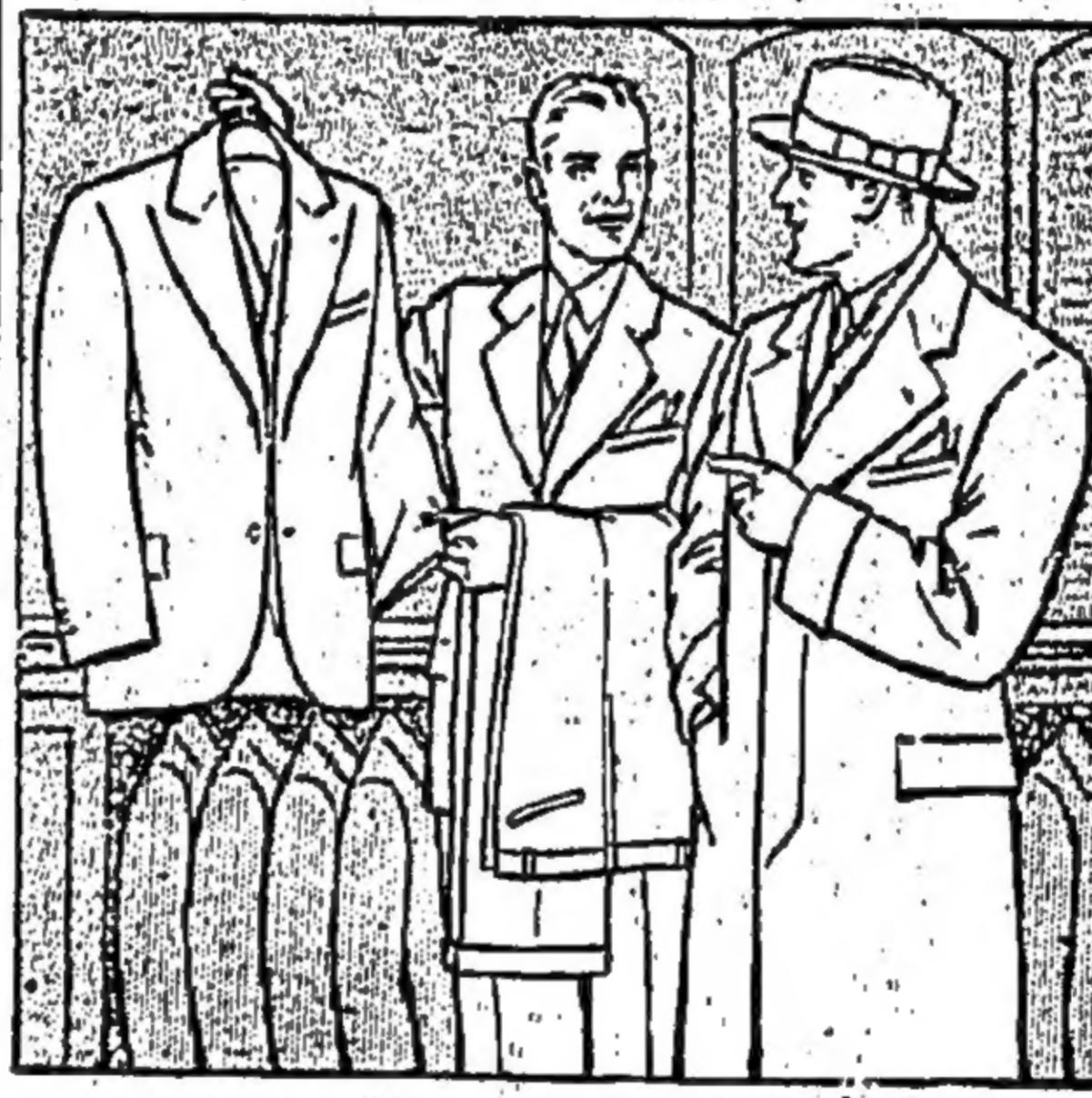
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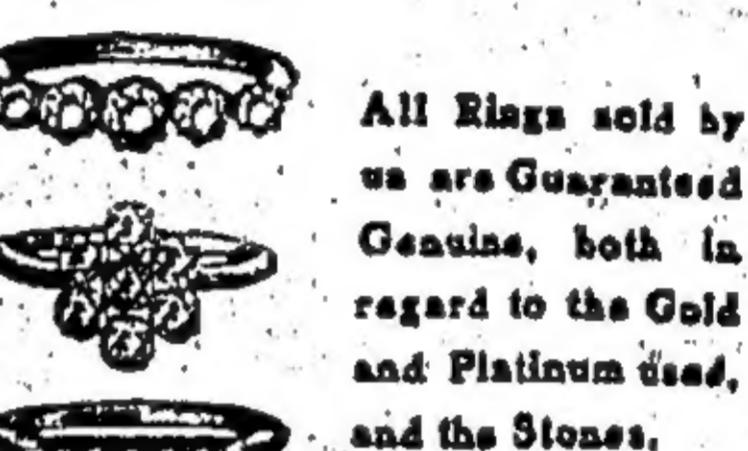
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TROOPING SEASON.

FURTHER DETAILS OF COMING TRANSFERS.

London, Sept. 1. The following provisional arrangements have been made for the winter trooping season. The 1st Battalion will leave Southampton on September 11 for the West Indies. At Jamaica the transport will embark the 2nd Batt. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders on September 29 for Tientsin and Wei-hai-wei. The 2nd Batt. The Border Regiment will be picked up at Chinwangtso for India, leaving on November 13. The Neurals will leave Southampton on September 28 for India. At Bombay, the 1st Batt. The Worcestershire Regiment will be taken on board on October 22 for Shanghai. At the latter port the 1st Batt. The Norfolk Regiment will embark for India on November 15. The second voyage of the City of Marseilles will begin at Southampton on January 7, when the 2nd Batt. The Green Howards will be embarked at Suez on January 19 for Shanghai, and the 2nd Batt. The K.O.S. B. will leave Hongkong to India on February 11. The Neurals will leave Southampton for the second time on January 10 with drafts and details for India and the Far East, and at Shanghai will ship the 2nd Batt. The Wilshire Regiment on February 25 for Plymouth, arriving on April 7.

The winter changes in the British force in China will place three companies of the 2nd Battalion The Royal Scots and three companies of the 2nd Battalion The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at Tientsin. One company of The Royal Scots will garrison Chinwangtso, and one of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders will go to Wei-hai-wei. The Shanghai battalions will be the 1st Battalion The Worcestershire Regiment and 2nd Battalion The Green Howards. The 1st Battalion The Somerset Light Infantry remains at Hongkong with an Indian unit.

Continuing. Mr. Brown said he would like to take the opportunity of expressing the hope that those bowlers who were not selected would not be disheartened. There were many good bowlers worthy of selection, but there were only four places to fill and it was hoped particularly that younger bowlers who were not chosen would not be disheartened.

Comment Corrected.

Mr. Brown went on to refer to an article which appeared in the local newspaper (the *Daily Press*) some weeks ago. That article expressed the hope that the present selection committee would not repeat a previous blunder when a fantastic team was selected by one man.

The writer of that article, said Mr. Brown, was evidently a newcomer and relied upon hearsay, because on the occasion to which he referred the team was selected by a committee of five who were practically unanimous. Of those, three had at one time or another won the open championship of the Colony.

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Mr. A. W. Grimmett reported on arrangements for the Interport visit, and a good deal of discussion ensued.

Eventually the following programme was drawn up, the teams mentioned being the opponents chosen for the Shanghai men on the dates given:

Monday, September 20th, Kowloon Dock Recreation Club; October 1st, Kowloon Cricket Club; 2nd, Craigmawer Cricket Club; 3rd, Civil Service Cricket Club; 4th, Police Recreation Club; 5th, Interport match to be played on the Kowloon Cricket Club green; Interport match at the Peninsula Hotel at night; 6th, Club de Recreio; 7th, play and dinner at Government House; 8th, Kowloon Bowlers' Green Club; 9th, Takuoo Dock Recreation Club; 10th, combined Yacht Club and Hongkong Electric Recreation Club.

League Matches.

The meeting decided that the deciding game in the first division of the League between Kowloon Dock and Craigmawer should be played on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground tomorrow.

With regard to the second division of the League, it was pointed out that there were three teams, Civil Service, Takuoo and the Bowlers' Green Club. A draw was made, which resulted in the first-named club receiving a bye and the latter two being matched. It was decided that Takuoo and the Bowlers' Green Club should play to-morrow on the Police ground, and the winner should meet the events.

The hall will cover an area of 120,000 square feet and will be opposite the football ground of the South China Athletic Association.

INTERNATIONAL BANK AMERICAN DELEGATES AND YOUNG SCHEME.

New York, Sept. 26.

Mr. Jackson Reynolds and Mr. Melvin Taylor, the presidents of the First National Banks at New York and at Chicago, respectively, have left for Europe aboard the Leviathan to meet the financial representatives of Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Germany and Japan on October 7, in connexion with the establishment of a Bank of International Settlement under the Young Plan. *Reuter's American Service.*

TOKYO AFFAIR.

MR. OGAWA FORMALLY CHARGED.

Tokyo, Sept. 26. Mr. Heikichi Ogawa, has been formally indicted and charged with "official" corruption and acceptance of bribes. It is expected that he will be imprisoned to-night without bail. The indictment followed a two hours search of Ogawa's home by the preliminary Judge Procurator of the Tokyo District Court. *Reuter.*

LAWN BOWLS.

YESTERDAY'S ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING.

Final arrangements for entertaining the Interport lawn bowls team which is arriving in Hongkong on September 20 from Shanghai, were made at a meeting of the general committee of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association held in the board room of the S. C. I. Post yesterday evening. Mr. B. Wyllie presiding.

Mr. A. C. Brown said that the selection committee was composed of Mr. H. Overy, Mr. P. T. Farrel and himself, together with two ex-officio members, Mr. B. Wyllie and Mr. J. Massy.

As was known, the committee selected Messrs. J. Ferguson, A. W. Grimmett, R. Bass and J. Leung, together with Mr. S. Gray as reserve for positions three and four, and Mr. F. Cullen as reserve for positions one and two. They had appointed Mr. Massy as official scorer. Mr. Farrel as official measurer and the speaker at

umpire.

Continuing. Mr. Brown said he

would like to take the opportunity of

expressing the hope that those bowlers

who were not selected would

not be disheartened. There were many

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THE SHINING TALENT.

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CHAPTER I (Cont.)

Molly Burnham, graduating from college, in love with Jack Wells, an impetuous Harvard man, rejects a good position which the Dean was preparing to offer her.

Possessed of literary gifts, the Dean is evidently of opinion that she is throwing away a brilliant career, but when Molly suggests that she could marry and write too, the Dean declares that she has not sufficient ambition. Mere a pretty little shining talent.

NOW READ ON.

"I never thought much about it," Molly faltered.

"I know. That is exactly the point." The Dean stood up. "Don't mix love and a career, my dear," she admonished, and her manner had become strangely gentle. "To the woman who lives in pursuit of fame, conflict is death. Single-minded she must be. All other passions must be denied—even love. As no man can serve two masters, neither can a woman serve her heart and her mind."

"But you said I had talent," protested Molly.

The Dean smiled, as one dismissing a subject. She touched an electric button, and her secretary opened the door. "Get in touch with Miss Segal, she commanded, and tell her, please, that I should like to see her immediately."

Molly knew that Berta Segal, who was the most brilliant girl in her class, was about to be offered "a most unusual opportunity in the literary world." Berta Segal sent neat little essays to the better magazines, which were occasionally accepted. She also—since the better magazines did not always pay so well—sold lesser stuff to the Sunday-supplements. With all her heart Molly suddenly hated Berta Segal, who had dark, greasy hair. And also the Dean, who offered a girl a marvelous opportunity on a silver platter and then snatched it away.

For a moment she almost hated Jack, who hadn't enough money to marry her, and didn't like it when she wrote things about passion and virgins . . . Jack was awfully old-fashioned, really. And probably the Dean thought her a silly little fool now.

Molly kicked at the little painted sign that said "Please," and walked deliberately across the grass, digging her high heels in the soft turf defiantly. She felt not at all as an engaged girl should feel. Particularly an engaged girl on her way to meet her fiancee. She felt, in fact, as if she were getting very much the small end of things. As if, indeed, she were being sorely cheated. Which wasn't, of course, the proper frame of mind for a sweet girl graduate contemplating matrimony.

All the girls thought her Jack was perfectly stunning.

And, after all, a girl can't have everything. Claudia Cabot might be marrying a million and all that—but everybody knew that Dick Godfrey had a clef palate and a perfectly rotten disposition.

There really wasn't a boy anywhere who could touch Jack for looks. He had, as they say, everything—everything, that is, but money. He was six feet one. In his stocking feet, as Molly used to add. And his hair had the most adorable wave. It was dark hair, and he had eyes to match. Sort of laughing eyes, they were. But his chin was one of those dreadfully determined things. So, if a girl thought she was going to get away with murder—just looking at his eyes—she had only to consider that chin of his and her mind. Like Gibraltar, Molly said it was.

"If only," she was thinking at the moment, "he wasn't, so darn stubborn!"

She opened her vanity and unfolded the torn clipping. "He'll have a fit," she mused, "but he can't expect me to sit around with my hands folded for the next year!"

Then she read the little verse aloud. And a frightened squirrel forgot to bury whatever it was he was burying and scampered away like mad, she was so dramatic about it. "So this," she declaimed, throwing her arms wide—

"So this is the song of the wife—
'Ah, what have I done with my life?'

And she repeated softly, "A girl, she had her hope and chance—a dull and stodgy wife is she . . ."

As she approached the dormitory she saw Jack talking to Claudia Cabot on the steps.

"I'll sneak in the back way," she decided, "and powder my nose."

But once in her room she forgot her nose for the moment and read again the bit of doggerel that was destined to influence all her life. When she had finished she stuck it in the mirror with a safety pin.

"Nice little verse," she approved. "Make Molly a big smart girl."

Then she powdered her nose and rouged her lips and wafted the clipping an airy kiss.

"No humdrum life for me," she vowed. "Not until I've had my fling!"

Then she dashed downstairs to meet Jack. Dick Godfrey, Claudia's fiancé, had arrived meantime, and Dick was all right—and he had oodles of money—but Molly was glad it was Claudia who was marrying him tomorrow. And Bob—well, of course Bob was awfully nice and all that. But there he was, grumbling and crabbing; just because Rita was a few minutes late. He wasn't a bit good looking either, with those wavy blue eyes—and big, thick glasses . . .

No use talking—Jack certainly was the best looking man at Commencement. Molly's heart beat warmly, and she was engrossed in one of those nice, benevolent feelings . . .

"Hello, darlin'."

She greeted him happily. "Love your little senior?"

"You bet," he assured her.

"Love your little draftman?"

She kissed him swiftly, drawing his head down with a sudden sweep of her arms.

"Better get married," advised Dick Godfrey.

"Better not," counselled Bob Newton.

"Why not stay in love?"

Claudia threw her arms violently around Molly.

"Oh, Molly!" she squealed. "Let's have a double wedding! Wouldn't that be the thrilliest thing, kids? You'll be my maid of honour, Molly. Then I'll be your matron. And you can wear my wedding veil and everything. Gee, Molly, wouldn't it just knock-out?"

Claudia was dancing up and down.

"Everything's all set," she proclaimed. "Decorations. Choir. Minister. Everything. You can have my bridesmaids, honey, and we'll just call up the Ritz and tell 'em to set some more places."

Molly looked at Jack. He was grinning foolishly.

"Will you?" she breathed. "Oh, Jack, wouldn't it be wonderful?"

"Molly, are you crazy?"

He frowned on her enthusiasm. "We're no blooming millionaires, you know, honey. Just a poor young couple trying to get along."

"Yes?" taunted Bob Newton.

"And the first hundred years are the hardest."

Rita laughed nervously. "Next year," she predicted gaily, "we'll all be married. Won't we, Bob? You and me. And Molly and Jack . . . And Claudia and Dick will be coming home from Paris for the weddings."

"Why wait?" demanded Claudia.

"Why starve?" Bob countered irritably.

Rita patted his arm gently.

"Little Sunshine!" she chided.

"What you need is a sandwich."

"What I need," he told her coolly, "is a box of aspirin. Of all the foot places to drag a man, this blooming hen party is the worst!"

"My sweetheart!" Rita cooed amanily. "Hasn't he just the sweetest disposition, girls and boy?"

"Come on down to the lakes," suggested Molly, "and look up a canoe for tonight."

"Who wants to go canoeing when they can get married?" demanded Dick.

Molly made a face, and pouted gaily.

"I can't get married to-day. My sweater won't let me."

She slipped her hand through Jack's arm, and they sauntered toward the lake.

"Did you ever know," she asked him, "that there's a tradition about that little island out there in the middle of the lake—see?"

She pointed to a bit of green that dotted the sparkling blue. "Well," they say that any girl, that takes a man there is sure to get a proposal. You paddle out, and draw your canoe up on the bank. And nobody ever comes to bother you. The girls are awfully chivalrous about it. There isn't a kid in college would trespass for the world, if there was some other girl on the beach waiting for a proposal. As soon as you get one, you withdraw. That's etiquette, you see. And it gives some other girl a chance."

Jack laughed. "And you're going to take me there?" he bantered. "Don't you consider yourself engaged now, young lady?"

"Well, kind of," she admitted.

"Only . . . I'm awful shameless, Jack. I want to get married."

"On \$1500 a year!" he exclaimed.

"You don't know what you're talking about, Molly."

"Well," Molly giggled, "we'll go out there anyhow and see what happens."

There was a moon that night. A little bit of a baby moon, that threw a dim and silvery light.

And there were a lot of fireflies that sparred with 10,000 tiny golden lights.

The astronomy professor looked at the heavens and remarked, "A perfect night to study the stars."

But the professor was getting old. It was, pre-eminently, a night for love.

MATRICULATION EXAM

NUMBERS OF PUPILS FROM THE VARIOUS SCHOOLS.

The Hongkong University's list of candidates for the matriculation examination shows that in the Hongkong centre no fewer than 60 pupils from Queen's College are to sit for the examination. Pupils from the other schools are as follows—Wah Yan College 31, St. Stephen's College 31, St. Joseph's College 23, King's College 21, Diocesan Boys' School 14, Tutorial Institute 21, Ying Wah College 10, St. Paul's College 9, Central British School 5, Tai Tung College 2.

Senior Local Examination. Hongkong Centre (Boys)—Wah Yan College 16, St. Peter's College 9, Ying Wah College 8, St. Paul's College 8, Diocesan Boys' School 4, St. Stephen's College 3, Sacred Heart College 1, Dockside School 1, Private pupils 21.

Junior Local Examination. Hongkong Centre (Girls)—Wah Yan College 10, Italian Convent 5, Central British School 3, St. Stephen's Girls' College 2, French Convent 2, St. Mary's School 1, Private pupils 5.

Senior Local Examination. Hongkong Centre (Girls)—St. Stephen's Girls' School 11, Diocesan Girls' School 1, French Convent 1, Ying Wah Girls' School 3, Ying Wah Girls' School 4, Private pupils 1.

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THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 39/29. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut-Colonel L. G. Bird D.S.O., O.B.E. Commandant.

Hongkong, 27th September.

1. Musketry Table T. M.G.

The M.I. and Armoured Car Companies will fire Table T. M.G. Part II at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 29th September, 1929. Range Officer, Lieut. R. K. Valentine. Launch will have Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m., and call at Kowloon Pier at 8.40 a.m.

Dress—Uniform (clean fatigues) or multi optional.

2. Corps Band.

Practice parades will be held at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. in multi on Friday, September 27, and Tuesday, October 1.

Annual Athletic Sports.—The Corps Band will parade at the Kowloon Cricket Club at 2.45 p.m. on Saturday, 28th September, in uniform as hereunder: Helmet, tunic, slacks, black boots, belt and cross belt.

3. The Battery.

Parade for Gun Drill at H. Q. at 5.30 p.m. on Friday 4th October.

4. Engineers Company.

Amendment to Engineer Co. training programme 1929-30. 2nd and 4th Thursdays in each month, commencing September 26. Parade at Wellington Barracks 5.30 p.m. Dress, multi. Instruction in Defence Lights. No parades at Belcher's Fort until further notice. Thursday, Oct. 3. Parade at H. Q. 5.30 p.m. for squad drill. Dress multi, rifle, belt and side-arms. All ranks are reminded that the Eng. Coy. fire Table T. on Sunday, 6th.

No. 101 C.Q.M.S. T. Bolt assumes the duties of C.Q.M.S. Engineer Company and No. 769 Sgt. C. S. Coom relinquishes the acting rank of C.Q.M.S. as from 27-9-29.

5. Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 30th September for Signal Training. Dress—multi.

6. Mounted Infantry Company.

Parades during October are as follows—Thursdays, 3rd, 10th and 17th Causeway Bay Stables for drill with Pack Ponies. Sunday, 20th, Field Day. Details will be issued later. It is most important that everyone should be present at all three of the above parades as a scheme whereby we will work two guns is to be tried out and if successful will be employed at camp. To ensure the success of this scheme it is imperative that everyone shall be present so make a point of turning up.

Thursdays, 24th and 31st Riding School. Dottedgill's Trophy Part II will be decided at an early date in November and members will do well to practice their ponies over the jumps. Marks will be awarded for general management, saddling up, jumping, etc, etc.

The following will fire M.G. Part 2 at Stonecutters on Sunday 29, launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m.

Sgt. Maj. M. M. Watson, Sgt. G. Davidson, L/Cpl. J. Kendrew, L/Cpl. C. Backhouse, Ptes. T. Beck, A. E. McCartney, L. Weill, A. C. Braine Hartnell, R. Grieves, W. Harris Walker.

7. Armoured Car Company.

Car Sections. Parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 30th Sept. for road practice.

8. Machine Gun Company.

The Company will parade as strong as possible at H. Q. on Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 5.30 p.m. in multi for Machine Gun Training under Platoon arrangements. No. 1 Platoon will proceed to Kennedy Road Range by Ford

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Annual Athletic Sports.—The Corps Band will parade at the Kowloon Cricket Club at 2.45 p.m. on Saturday, 28th September, in uniform as hereunder: Helmet, tunic, slacks, black boots, belt and cross belt.

3. The Battery.

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5. Corps Signals.

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Thursdays, 24th and 31st Riding School. Dottedgill's Trophy Part II will be decided at an early date in November and members will do well to practice their ponies over the jumps. Marks will be awarded for general management, saddling up, jumping, etc, etc.

The following will fire M.G. Part 2 at Stonecutters on Sunday 29, launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m.

Sgt. Maj. M. M. Watson, Sgt. G. Davidson, L/Cpl. J. Kendrew, L/Cpl. C. Backhouse, Ptes. T. Beck, A. E. McCartney, L. Weill, A. C. Braine Hartnell, R. Grieves, W. Harris Walker.

7. Armoured Car Company.

Car Sections. Parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 30th Sept. for road practice.

8. Machine Gun Company.

The Company will parade as strong as possible at H. Q. on Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 5.30 p.m. in multi for Machine Gun Training under Platoon arrangements. No. 1 Platoon will proceed to Kennedy Road Range by Ford

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HONGKONG RADIO CONCERTS.

FIRST TO BE GIVEN ON
OCTOBER 6.

Under the chairmanship of Mr. N. L. Smith the members of the Broadcasting Committee held their second meeting in the Sanitary Board room on Tuesday evening when the pleasing announcement was made by the Chairman that the opening concert, organised by the Committee, has received official approval by the Honourable Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, consenting to assist at the opening ceremony on Tuesday, October 8 at 9 p.m. From the new Studio building, the Hon. Mr. Southorn will address a few words to all listeners on the opening night.

A good concert is being organised for that evening under the expert direction of Mrs. Youngusband whose services the Committee has been fortunate in securing as the Programme Secretary and to whom all inquiries may be addressed at the Studio G.P.O., and from whom all information will be obtainable regarding the Committee's efforts at popularising broadcasting in Hongkong and the improvement of the programmes arranged for the special benefit of the public.

It will be realised that until the Committee has gained more experience, the formulation of programmes for the immediate future, that is, during the winter months, will be more or less in the nature of tentative efforts with room for improvements on suggestions which it is hoped will be received from the public by means of letters addressed to the Programme Secretary or through the medium of the newspapers.

Programme Schedule.

After considerable discussion of the draft programme as to hours submitted by the Programme Sub-Committee composed of Messrs. F. Austin, H. Lowcock, and Chan Heung-pak, the following schedule was tentatively decided upon:

Sundays.

10.30 or 11 a.m.—Church morning services.
12 (Noon) to 1 p.m. Chinese Programme.
6-7 p.m. Hospital programme.
9 p.m. onward. Ordinary routine programme.
10.30 p.m. Close down.

Week Days.

10.45-11 a.m. Commercial news, market quotations, etc., in English and Chinese.
12.30-1.30 p.m. Demonstration programme.
5.30-6.15 p.m. Children's hour programme arranged especially suitable for children.
9-10.30 p.m. European or Chinese programme.

There is no certainty that during the first few months it will be possible to arrange for programmes every day in the week, it is very likely that intermissions of one or two days in the week may be expected and, as has been stated, the Committee hope to profit by experience.

Commercial News.

The proposal for the service of commercial news originated with the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton

who aims with an improved range at placing our market quotations and Hongkong and world news generally, in tabloid form, within the reach daily, of businessmen and residents of places like Foochow and Wuchow who can, at present, only obtain their news four days old when the Hongkong newspapers reach them by steamer. In order to meet the needs of those who are stationed in these outlying places arrangements are being made whereby short items of general news interest will be supplied each night by one of the local newspapers.

The Committee is fortunate in counting in their number a gentle man of the experience and willingness, in public mass entertainment like Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. Sutherland takes into his especial care the catering for patients and inmates in hospitals, with entertainment that will help to overcome the dull hours of lonesomeness and depression brought about by physical affliction. When on Home leave recently Mr. Sutherland was impressed by the number of ear-phones in hospitals. In London alone it was informed that there were no less than 30,000 in use and that number must have been considerably increased since then.

As regards the local Government hospitals the Chairman has applied to Government for receiving sets to be installed and there is every reason to hope that the application will be granted.

University Talks.

Nor will the Service men ashore and afloat, be neglected in Mr. Sutherland's scheme of arrangement. Special thought will be given to sailors and soldiers in the matter of sports results, like football and cricket matches. The suggestion was submitted by the veteran cricketer Mr. T. E. Pearce, for the consideration of the Committee. It will be acted upon.

From the professional staff of the Hongkong University, Prof. Simpson has obtained the promise of quite a number of short lectures and readings which will be limited to about 1,000 words, taking not more than ten minutes to deliver. There will be discussions on a diversity of subjects from centipedes and millipedes to astronomy and current literature. While for those who are expecting a reduction in the cost of market produce, the Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E., will discourse on agriculture in the New Territories in a practical manner.

The Technical Side.

On the technical side the association of Mr. L. H. King, Government electrical engineer, with the Committee, assisted as he is by his staff, is of invaluable help. Mr. King has thrown himself whole-heartedly into the new organisation. Mr. N. L. Smith, the postmaster general, by virtue of his official position, is the liaison officer between the Government and the unofficials on the Committee. Always ready to receive and welcome suggestions and criticisms, the co-operation between the Committee as a whole and their Chairman makes for harmony and efficiency.

To ensure that the wishes of every section of the community will be considered, Mr. E. Lowcock and Mr. Chan Heung-pak serve on the Committee in the capacity of Chinese representatives. Together with Mr. F. Austin they are working so that the Chinese community will ob-

SIGNALLING AT SEA.

NAVAL RETURN OF EXERCISES WITH MERCHANTMEN.

Extracts from the quarterly returns of signalling carried out between H.M. ships and British merchant vessels are published in Fleet Orders. They show that in the period ended March 31, 1929, the successful exercises numbered 1,507, as compared with 1,231 for the previous quarter. There were 26 failures to establish communication.

A table of individual ships in order of merit shows that H.M.S. Dartmouth, trooping to China, came first with 122 successful exercises; the Cleopatra, trooping to China, second, with 110; the Concord, trooping to China, third, with 105. A table is also given showing the number of successful exercises achieved by vessels of the mercantile companies, with a warning that this is not to be taken as a statement of comparative signal efficiency between the different companies, as opportunities for signalling are so varied. The Ellerman Lines, Ltd., came first with 182; the P. and O. Co., second, with 181; British Tankers, third, with 83; and the Ocean Steamship Co. Ltd., fourth, with 65.

tain their fair share of time allocation in the programmes.

It is hoped that all musicians and others who are willing to help in this project and who would like their voices or instruments tried in over the air will communicate with the Programme Secretary, c/o G. P. O.

To-day's Programme.

The following programme will be broadcast day by day from the Government Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 350 metres.

1.45 p.m. Weather report.

5.30-6.30 p.m. Programme of Chinese Music. (Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Wm. Lok Co.).

7.15 p.m. Evening weather report.

8.00-8.30 p.m. Record Selections.

10.30 p.m. Close down.

Programme of Records. (Columbia Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Anderson & Co., Ltd.).

"POET & PEASANT" (Von Suppe).

7.15 p.m. Evening weather report.

8.30-9.00 p.m. Popular Lecture by Mr. R. Vaughan Fowler. "The Development of Aviation in China." Delivered from Great Hall of the Royal Air Force.

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IMPERIAL CRICKET CONFERENCE.

ARRANGEMENT OF TOURS.

The chief business of the Imperial Cricket Conference, when they met at the Oval was to make arrangements for various tours by M.C.C. teams and by Colonial sides visiting this country.

Under the original programme South Africa were to visit England in 1933, but, as they are unable to manage this, the International programme is being revised. New Zealand and India were both down to visit England in 1931, but the probability is that New Zealand only will be here, and, provided their board agree, the West Indies' team will come in 1933, instead of 1932, and India in 1932, instead of 1931. The probable programme is:

1930-31—England visit South Africa and India.

1931-32—South Africa visit Australia.

1932—India visit England.

1932-33—England visit Australia.

1933—West Indies in England.
1934—Australia visit England.
1935—South Africa visit England.

With regard to the question of turf wickets a resolution was passed to the effect that the Imperial Conference were glad to learn that efforts were being made in South Africa to establish turf wickets. The hope was expressed that these efforts would be successful, and that they will be extended in all countries where the climatic and other conditions permit.

Lord Harris occupied the chair at the meeting, in the absence of Field-Marshal Lord Plumer, President of M.C.C. The following were present:

Mr. A. J. Webb (England), Mr. R. H. Mallett and Dr. R. McDonald (Australia), Mr. H. O. Frielingshaus and Mr. H. D. G. Leveson-Gower (South Africa), Mr. H. B. G. Austin and Mr. A. C. O'Dowd (West Indies), Mr. A. P. F. Chapman and Mr. H. D. Swan (New Zealand), Mr. Grant Govan (and Mr. K. M. Mistri (India), and Mr. W. Findlay, Secretary of the M.C.C.

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BIG GERMAN BANK MERGER.

STORY OF AMALGAMATION CONFIRMED.

SENSATION ON BOURSE

Berlin, Sept. 26.—A sensation has been caused on the Bourse and in banking circles by the news that two of the biggest German banks, the Deutsche Bank and the Disconto Gesellschaft, whose capitals are respectively one hundred and fifty million and one hundred and thirty-five million marks, are negotiating with a view to amalgamation.

The story of the proposed amalgamation has been confirmed. The merger will be the biggest ever made in Germany.

The new concern will be entitled the Deutsche Bank Und Disconto Gesellschaft, with a share capital of Reich, Mks. 285,000,000 and reserves of Reich, Mks. 160,000,000.

The fusion scheme will be referred to the shareholders of the two concerns on October 29th.—Ren-

FLOW OF GOLD TO AMERICA.

"CANNOT GO ON INDEFINITELY."

Berlin, Aug. 12.—"Advertising, Advertising" the whole of Berlin is re-echoing with these magic words. The International Advertising Congress, which was opened yesterday evening and in which over 8,000 experts are taking part, is now interesting the Berliners just as much as the Hague Conference.

Berlin has risen to the occasion and is appropriately advertising itself. So as to impress the thousands of foreigners now assembled in the German capital everything is being done by the German authorities and business world to show what a go-ahead and pleasant city Berlin is.

The most important speech at the first sitting of the congress to-day was that of Lord Riddell, who dealt with the necessity of finding some means of stopping the constant flow of gold Europe to the United States.

"A Matter for Grave Reflection."

While reciprocal trade between nations promoted international goodwill, said Lord Riddell, it would be conceded that the reversal of reciprocal relations tended to create international animosities. To-day, owing to improved communications and the vast ramifications of trade and finance, business men could no longer afford to disregard the effect of their doings on international relations.

On all sides walls were being erected. Great Britain alone stood for Free Trade, with some trifling exceptions, but it must be admitted that her conditions were exceptional, inasmuch as her 18 million citizens had to import the major part of their food and to pay for it with manufactured goods. Nevertheless, even Great Britain might have to take steps to protect herself against unfair competition in her home markets.

New Problems.

America, by force of circumstances, he said, found herself faced with new problems affecting her relations with other countries. Since the war she had done an enormous foreign trade in raw materials and manufactured goods. Her exports largely exceeded her imports, which, owing to her tariffs, framed to protect her home market, consisted almost exclusively of raw materials.

Now that American loans were being greatly reduced, the problem was: How could America secure payment for the balance of her exports, and how could she collect the instalments of her huge war debts and the interest on her vast foreign loans? Now that she was reducing her loans, trade balances would have to be made up in gold.

Accordingly, during the first five months of this year, £16,000,000 in gold went from London, Germany, and Canada to the United States, which already held about half the monetary gold in the world. Obviously these conditions could not continue for an indefinite period.

On the one hand, the gold supply was limited; on the other it was difficult to discover how America could benefit by adding to her already vast stock, which by the stringent regulations of the Federal Bank was largely sterilized as a basis of credit. Repercussions on European trade and finance were serious and these problems demanded grave reflection. As business men they were specifically concerned with the development of friendly relations between the peoples of the world and it was their duty to study how to promote them.

The "True Principles."

To restrict their efforts to investigating how best to sell the goods of one country in another country would be crude and inadequate. An energetic sales campaign which year after year produced an unfavourable trade balance for the customer country would prove a danger instead of a blessing.

It might be thought that he was preaching free trade. That was not his intention. All that he asked was that these facts should be recognised, and in making their commercial arrangements, nations and individual traders should remember that both for psychological and economic reasons trade could not be a one-sided affair.

"Advertising men," said Lord Riddell in conclusion, "have a great mission, not limited to advising manufacturers and others how to sell their products. It is for us to proclaim the true principles of business in all its aspects."

KIDNAPPING CASE SENTENCE.

WOMAN AND CONFEDERATES GIVEN A YEAR.

BIRCH FOR THE MEN.

There have of late been frequent instances of the kidnapping of children, particularly on the mainland and whenever the persons responsible for depriving parents of their offspring are apprehended and convicted before a Magistrate heavy sentences are imposed. Judging by the number of cases which have come before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith recently, however, the punishment does not discourage the kidnappers.

Three persons were each sentenced to imprisonment for a year by the Kowloon Magistrate this morning, when Sophia Mohammed and two Chinese were convicted of charges arising out of the kidnapping of a small boy from No. 555, Canton Road. The woman and one of the men were charged with kidnapping, while the two men were alleged to have harboured the lad at Nam Hang Village, Taipo.

His Worship said there did not seem to be any redeeming features at all.

There was not the same direct evidence against the third defendant as against the first two but His Worship imagined that if there were not people like the third defendant, who were ready to help kidnappers, people like the first and second defendants would not be able to carry out their plans.

Each defendant was sentenced to one year's imprisonment, while the two men were further ordered to receive 15 strokes of the birch each.

MYSTERY SOLVED BY A DREAM.

ROY WHO TALKED IN HIS SLEEP.

London, Aug. 22.—A child talking in his sleep solved the mystery of the whereabouts of Ronald Boorman, aged 5, of Overbury-street, Hackney, E., on whom an inquest was held at Hackney, yesterday.

Mrs. Boorman said that on August 13 Ronald went out with his brother. The brother returned and said that Ronald had run away.

Nothing more was heard until two days later when a six-year-old cousin started talking in his sleep about 1 a.m. He said, "Ronnie is in the water." An hour later the boy was taken down to the river bank and there showed Ronald's father where his cousin went into the water. The body was recovered later.

Recording a verdict of Accidental Death, Dr. Edwin Smith, the North-East London coroner remarked, "How the boy got into the water will never be known. Children often conceal their knowledge. They got terrified and sometimes they say nothing about it for days and days."

"In this case the key to the solution came in the form of a remark made by the little child in dream. This is characteristic of a young child, and one cannot be surprised at the little boy's cousin concealing his knowledge."

ACCIDENTAL THEFT!

SENTENCED JUST AFTER GAOL TERM.

Replying to an accusation of theft, a Chinese, at the Central Police Court this morning, stated that his hand accidentally brushed against the pocket of a pedestrian.

Mr. A.W.G.H. Grantham—And accidentally your hand found its way into his pocket?

Accused—I don't even know why my hand should rub his pockets; it fit his spectacles (laughter).

The Magistrate (looking over accused's record)—I see you got out of gaol only nine days ago for stealing.

The only reply vouchsafed by the accused was a grunt.

His Worship—Six weeks.

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Yokohama	11.114.10
New York	4.85
Geneva	25.105
Millan	62.95
Stockholm	18.105
Oslo	18.225
Prague	16.3%
Madrid	22.795
Athens	5.75
Rio	1.27
Bombay	1.10
Hongkong	23.015
Silver (spot)	25%
Silver (forward)	25%

British Wireless.



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TO-DAY & TO-MORROW
At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20.



Continuous Performance From 1.15 to 11.15.



SUE CAROL WILLIAM RUSSELL NICK STUART HEDDA HOPPER ROY D'ARCY
TO-DAY AT 5.30, & 9.20
TO-MORROW AT 2.30, 5.30, & 9.20

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